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National Gallery wanted July 1 fireworks moved: Documents

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Facility was worried about vibrations, residue damage



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

If people came to your home once a year and launched fireworks from your lawn, you probably wouldn't like it.

Well, the National Gallery of Canada doesn't like it either.

The gallery's director wrote to the National Capital Commission last year asking that

the Canada Day fireworks be moved away from Nepean Point — their launch site for the past 17 years — because the fireworks create vibrations "that put both our windows and collection at risk."

The details are contained in a Canadian Heritage briefing note that Metro obtained under the Access to Information Act.

Nepean Point — the elevated piece of land just north of Parliament Hill from which fireworks are fired into the sky every Canada Day — is right next to the gallery.

Among gallery director Marc Mayer's fireworks-related concerns, according to the briefing note:

"Very strong vibrations caused by the fireworks that put both our windows and collection at risk."

It's unclear whether there's any study backing up that statement. The department did not respond to questions by deadline.

Gallery spokeswoman Josée Britanie Mallet said there has never been an instance of damage to the collection caused by vibrations from the fireworks.

"We have no further general comments to offer on this issue at the moment," she said in an email.

Mayer also wrote that "the fireworks also leave a sticky, tenacious residue on our glass roof."

The city's fire department deems the fire risk to be low, and a host of safety measures are taken.

These include barriers between the launch point and the gallery, launching fireworks mortar shells on an angle toward the river and away from the gallery, and



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a viewing area instead, the department said moving the fireworks to a lower altitude, such as river barges, would require an increased mortar shell and different launch angle.

That would necessitate a larger security perimeter that would keep the public from Nepean Point anyway.

"It is very likely that fireworks viewing from the Parliament Precinct would be significantly diminished if launched from a lower altitude site such as the Ottawa River," the note says.

On top of that, it's likely that Canada Day celebrations will need to be moved from Parliament Hill for a decade starting in 2018 because of major construction in the Parliamentary precinct.

stationing two fireworks technicians on the gallery to monitor and extinguish potential fallouts.

And while the gallery asked for Nepean Point to be used as



The National Gallery HALEY RITCHIE/METRO



James Pettinger and his friend Paarsa Garmroudi are rooting for the Jays from afar — although Pettinger is planning to travel to Toronto in time for the World Series. EMMA JACKSON/METRO

Blue Jays put T.O. grudge on hold

PLAYOFFS

Everyone from Sens fans to the mayor are flying the team banner

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

When it comes to baseball, the Toronto-Ottawa rivalry doesn't seem to apply — at least not while the Blue Jays are bearing down on their first post-season in 22 years.

The Jays begin their opening round against the Texas Rangers on Thursday afternoon, and local sports bars are preparing to be busy even with a 3:30 p.m. start time.

"I'm expecting it to be pretty decent. It's the first playoff game in 22 years," said Sam

Wright, general manager of the Senate sports bar in the ByWard Market.

It doesn't matter that the team is from Toronto.

Ottawa's collective disgust for the Toronto Maple Leafs — who the Senators will play on Saturday — just doesn't translate into baseball.

"The Toronto rivalry is hockey, that's all NHL," Wright said. "Now that (the Jays are) back in business, old fans are back and it's fun to support."

Phil den Ouden, a supervisor at Real Sports Bar and Grill on George Street, agreed.

"You can be an Ottawa Senators fan and a Jays fan at the same time," he said.

It certainly seems that way for Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson. On Thursday morning he'll raise a Jays flag downtown, 24 hours after doing the same for the hometown Sens.

"The country loves to hate

Toronto but now that the Jays are in the playoffs they really are Canada's team," Watson said. "We'll put our animosity to the side and cheer on the Jays."

Fans are unabashedly rooting for the usually rival city.

"The only Canadian baseball team is in Toronto," said Hull resident James Pettinger, a lifetime Jays fan who grew up in Hamilton. "It's a Canadian pull-through."

The renewed romance has been a boon for local bars this season, especially in the quieter summer months.

Wright reports a "sea of blue" in his bar during Jays games.

Mark Berry, owner of the Berryman Pub in Centretown, is banking on die-hards to play hooky on Thursday afternoon and again on Friday, when the game starts even earlier.

"I've got a few hard-core people who definitely will," said Berry.

Best bars to watch ball



The Berryman Pub, 478 Bank St. in Centretown. Why go there: 13 big-screen TVs and \$5.50 pints. EMMA JACKSON/METRO



The Senate Sports Tavern, 33 Clarence St. in the ByWard Market. Why go there: half-price nachos and \$5 pints of Canadian and Coors Light during games. EMMA JACKSON/METRO



Real Sports Bar and Grill, 90 George St. in the ByWard Market. Why go there: \$11 personal pitchers of Bud and Bud Light on game nights. EMMA JACKSON/METRO



The Prescott, 379 Preston St. in Little Italy. Why go there: lots of space to bring the entire cheering squad. EMMA JACKSON/METRO

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Ottawa singer-songwriter Amanda Rheume and her musical group turned to the GoFundMe platform to help cover a \$2,100 plane ticket for one of their bandmates. CONTRIBUTED

Kind donations help reunite band

MUSIC

Bassist back on European tour after visiting ill father in Canada

Bryson Masse
For Metro | Ottawa

An Ottawa band is about to be reunited on its European tour following a successful crowdfunding effort.

Ottawa singer-songwriter Amanda Rheume and her band were in the middle of a seven-week European tour when one of her band members got news that her father was sick.

Bassist MJ Dandeneau had to make a quick flight to Winnipeg to be by her father's side and had to exit the tour early.

"There was really no option other than for her to go home," Rheume said.

But with good news and successful surgeries for her

dad, Dandeneau began preparing for the trip back to Europe. Unfortunately, tours of independent music groups don't include the ability to pay for surprise trips across the Atlantic.

"We were just going to do the show as a duo to finish the tour because we couldn't afford to pay for extra flights," said Rheume.

Rheume and her group reached out and asked their

thirds of the amount needed to reunite the band.

Dandeneau's supporters from Canada and around the world left notes of encouragement with their donations for the bassist. Dandeneau is now able to fly back to Europe after someone made up the difference with a large private donation.

The tour has been a huge success for Rheume and her two bandmates. Rheume has been playing beside Dandeneau and Anders Drerup, an electric guitarist from Ottawa.

They have had great shows in the UK, Germany, Austria, France, Belgium and Denmark. Rheume has also recently played at the Parapan Am Games' closing ceremonies, and she is looking to start crowdfunding her next record soon.

"Crowdfunding is a really amazing way to be a patron of the arts. Our communities stretch so far and wide and when everyone chips in, it's inexplicably helpful," she said.

Crowdfunding is a really amazing way to be a patron of the arts.

Amanda Rheume

supporters to help make their group a trio again. Using the GoFundMe platform, they asked for \$2,100 to buy a ticket to the United Kingdom.

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City hit with staff shakeup

DEFICIT

City treasurer to take medical leave during budget process



Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Already tasked with balancing the books under a whopping \$52-million operating deficit, City of Ottawa staff is undergoing a management shakeup.

City treasurer Marian Simulik told a finance and economic development committee on Tuesday that she will take medical leave during the budget draft tabling on Nov. 12. Though apparently temporary, she's the latest among several other higher-ups who have left or are heading out the door.

Deputy city managers Steve Kanellakos has left and Nancy

Schepers will resign in December. Citing health concerns, city manager Kent Kirkpatrick recently announced he would resign in March — three months after the budget is tabled.

Mayor Jim Watson said there's a strong crop of support staff to step in.

Meanwhile, the finance committee approved a "multi-year" plan to tackle multi-million-dollar budget pressures.

In 2016, the city is looking at \$36.3 million in net budget pressures. In 2017, that figure is estimated at \$23.4 million. Estimates are at \$24.2 million for 2018.

So far, the plan includes an increase in user fees (although the details are still unknown), holding off on buying non-essential vehicles to replace the city's fleet and combing through city department budgets.

Then there are the reserve funds, which the city will likely dip into for one-time funding to offset budget pressures.



I'm sure it would not be that challenging for most to find one or two cents out of every dollar to save.

Mayor Jim Watson

Simulik called it a "mixed bag," with some reserves beefier than others.

To hold city departments to their savings, Knoxdale-Merivale Coun. Keith Egli asked staff to develop an "early warning system" to find any major discrepancies between department spending and revenue budgets.

In his opening statements, Watson stressed his goal to keep property tax hikes at two per cent and maintain core services.

The nitty-gritty of the city budget will be tabled at the Nov. 12 council meeting. The final version will go to a vote on Dec. 9.



Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson speaks with reporters about balancing the budget following a finance and economic development committee on Oct. 6. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

IN BRIEF

Ontario reaches tentative contract with workers

The Liberal government has reached a three-year tentative contract with its 35,000 civil servants.

The government calls the agreement with the Ontario Public Service Employees Union a "net zero" deal, meaning it falls within the Liberals' framework for not funding pay increases.

The details are not being made public, but if the deal includes a wage increase for provincial employees there would have to be savings elsewhere in the agreement to offset the cost of the salary hike.

The Liberals say they will not fund salary increases for anyone in the public sector until they eliminate a deficit of \$10.3 billion, which they plan to do by 2017-18.

The last contract with OPSEU expired at the end of December.

Deputy premier Deb Matthews says the government is still at the bargaining table with the union representing workers in correctional institutions on issues specific to them.

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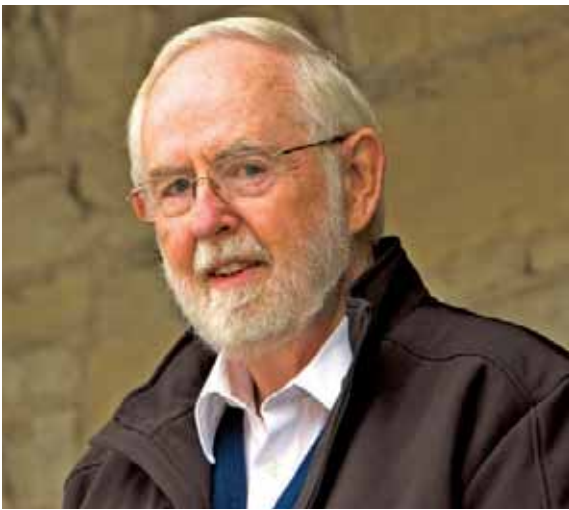
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Arthur McDonald, a professor emeritus at Queen's University, worked to prove the existence of dark matter.

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Physicist honoured

NOBEL PRIZE

Queen's prof co-winner for neutrino discovery

There's a place in northern Ontario, buried in a working nickel mine two kilometres underground, where Nobel Prize-winning experiments are the order of the day.

It's called SNOLAB, a cavernous "clean" lab that was able to detect minuscule particles known as neutrinos. The lab is where Queen's University professor Arthur McDonald — the newly-minted Nobel Prize winner for physics — and his team of researchers discovered that neutrinos had a mass, changing the very nature of physics.

McDonald, who headed up the neutrino experiment from 1989 to 2007, and his ragtag group of physicists were somehow able to borrow \$300 million worth of heavy water for just \$1 from the Atomic Energy Canada Limited, he said in an interview.

The lab, upgraded after an injection of \$65 million, is where

scientists are hunting to prove the existence of dark matter, particles that researchers theorize make up 60 to 80 per cent of all matter in the universe.

The refurbished digs are operated by five schools: Queen's University, Carleton University, Laurentian University, the University of Alberta and the University of Montreal along with Vale, a mining company that runs the Creighton mine where the lab is housed.

Getting to the lab sounds like something from a Bond film. After descending more than two kilometres in an active mine, researchers then have to trudge 1.5 kilometres to the laboratory because they need to be far away from the Earth's surface to avoid cosmic rays that would mask their test results.

There, researchers "take the onion approach," Smith said, to keep the laboratory clean. So they take their boots off, go through a door, strip down, shower, go through more doors, throw on clean overalls and walk across "sticky" mats that help trap dust before they can begin hunting for these tiny particles.

And, hopefully, more Nobel Prizes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

EDUCATION

Doors left unlocked by support staff, mayor upset

**Lucy Scholey
Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa**

Mayor Jim Watson said it's "very disturbing" that support staff in public schools are leaving doors unlocked in their latest job action tactics.

Regardless of whether unionized employees are in a dispute with management, he said, children's security should be a "base service" in

schools.

"I find it very upsetting that this kind of action is being taken because there's a dispute with their employer," he told reporters at Ottawa City Hall. "Public safety of kids in their schools should be of paramount concern."

Tuesday marked the second day support staff — including custodians, office administrators and educational assistants — unlocked the doors of the 60 public schools that use

buzzer systems.

Cindy Dubue, provincial vice president of the OSSTF, said it wasn't the union's decision.

"All we've said is 'Our members are not going to be doing this,' but that doesn't mean it won't get done. The board's response has been to leave the doors unlocked," she said.

Both the board and the union said it wouldn't have an effect on school safety.

"The union and every one of our employees continues to

put children's safety first," said Sharlene Hunter, the board's media relations officer.

Doors in the Ottawa Catholic board remain locked, according to Mardi De Kemp, the board's communications manager. Office admin in the Catholic board are represented by CUPE, not OSSTF.

While CUPE support staff are also on strike their job action does not include intercom monitoring. WITH FILES FROM TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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IN BRIEF

Students join mayor to mark iWALK to School Week

Students from three Riverside South schools will join Mayor Jim Watson and Coun. Michael Qaqish Wednesday to proclaim International Walk (iWALK) to School Week in Ottawa. Students from St. Jerome Catholic School, Steve MacLean Public

School and l'École élémentaire catholique Bernard-Grandmaitre partnered with the city, Ottawa Public Health, and Green Communities Canada to have a new 40-kilometre speed zone on Spratt Road this summer. The event runs from 9:20 a.m. to 10 a.m. at St. Jerome Catholic School. METRO

Welcome to Shawarma City

CUISINE

Documentary explores meal's popularity in nation's capital



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa may be the capital of Canada, but it's probably also the North American shawarma capital. If you find yourself downtown, chances are you're only five minutes away from a tasty sandwich oozing with tahini, garlic sauce and shaved meat.

"Shawarma exists here in Ottawa like nothing else, so I wanted to find out why that is," said Conor DeVries, the filmmaker behind the online documentary Shawarma City.

The result is DeVries' 30-minute documentary uploaded to YouTube last week, where he interviews both shawarma chefs and shawarma fans — finding out what makes the food so good, and why it's so popular in Ottawa.

The obvious answer is the city's large Lebanese population, but the cast of colourful Lebanese store owners and inebriated late-night patrons have their own explanations.

In one interview the self-proclaimed "garlic king," Adel Azzi, explains matter-of-factly that he began the shawarma craze when he opened his store and advertised on the radio.

"That's why they call me

the garlic king, I can do anything," he says, dressed in a fuzzy purple-and-gold suit complete with crown.

Despite the certainty of the king, DeVries begins to focus on one restaurant — Maroush, and its mysterious owner, Mustafa.

Maroush was once located on Elgin Street, where El Camino tacos are now served. It's closed down and Mustafa isn't in the shawarma business anymore.

"I don't think I'd ever been there sober, to be honest," admitted DeVries. "I'd get shawarma for lunch during the day of course, but back in the day Maroush was always a late night thing."

"I definitely remember going there and it being wild — almost like a club. His theme song was just on repeat, over and over. People were always dancing on tables, it was a lot of fun," he said.

Grainy videos on YouTube confirm the wild atmosphere, and the rumours are just as unbelievable. According to legend, there was a photo album in the back with photos of people performing various late night shenanigans to get free shawarma — including topless women.

A brown envelope containing some of those photos makes an appearance in DeVries' documentary, sans nudity.

Mustafa's former business partner, Nadim, also shared a CD with a professionally produced, three-minute long theme song for the store, and a video where two Maroush-



Conor DeVries created a half-hour documentary on Ottawa's favourite food — unexpectedly revealing some crazy characters, shawarma theme songs and some unexplained mysteries.

HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

lovers eat shawarma sandwiches while skydiving.

"That is a Maroush shawarma they were eating while sky diving. Seriously. It goes to show just how much customers love Maroush," DeVries said, laughing.

"It seems like it was received really well, a lot of congrats on making it," he said of his debut film.

"I love documentaries that explore interesting inner communities. Plus a lot of people have watched it and said they

wanted shawarma."

He said he only has one regret about the film — never getting the mysterious Mustafa on camera.

"Mustafa, if you're reading this," he said, "I'm still waiting for your call."

What's so great about shawarma?

At one point filmmaker Conor DeVries hits the streets, asking the people of Ottawa why they think shawarma is so popular. Their best answers, rated from sober (1) to drunk (6):

- 1 "The people of Ottawa just love garlic."
- 2 "I have no idea why it's not more popular in the other cities. It's just so affordable, fresh and it tastes amazing."
- 3 "They're just so popular here. It's just hard not to try it out."
- 4 "Be them drunk, high, sober, I don't f---ing care, everybody loves shawarma! Everybody."
- 5 "I think shawarma is just so popular in Ottawa because it's one of the top five foods anyone could ever have."
- 6 "I think it's a huge thing because Ottawa itself wants to be a little more multicultural... Because it's the capital of many uh... many provinces... as well as uh... many countries."

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Adel Azzi, Garlic King

Most chefs coming from a different country will go to the capital.... That's why there's so much shawarma in Ottawa and why it's better than most places.

Sharbel Karakouzian, owner of 3 Brothers Shawarmas

There's a big Lebanese community in Ottawa, and people are always trying something different. Everywhere you go, you get a different taste.

Joe Halabni, owner of Shawarma Deluxe



An artist's rendering of the building after renovations.

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CONSTRUCTION

Little theatre gets new look this fall

The Ottawa Little Theatre is set to get a facelift this fall.

Construction on the exterior of the building is scheduled to begin in early October as soon as the theatre selects a contractor.

"It's essential to keep the building sound and functional," said Lynn McGuigan, the theatre's executive director.

"The outer shell is essential to keep the building and everything inside it protected."

Two years ago, the theatre embarked on a "Renew the Building" campaign to raise funds to renovate its home in four phases. The first stage of the project was completed two years ago and involved replacing all of the theatre's out-of-date sound and lighting equipment.

The second and third phases are about to begin and include replacing the roof and doing some work on the building's façade.

The theatre also will be replacing its windows, which have been part of the building since the theatre opened 43 years ago.

Many of the windows are no



It will be more pleasant for our audience, as old chairs are replaced with new ones.

Executive director
Lynn McGuigan

longer sealed properly, and a lot of the siding is corroded, McGuigan said.

These middle phases were vital to making sure the building's outer shell remains intact. The theatre has suffered a number of bad leaks in recent years, as the roof has been redone only once in its history.

McGuigan said she expects the work on the outside of the building will be finished by the end of November.

The final phase, which is scheduled to start in 2017, will see work done on the inside; all the chairs will be replaced in the auditorium to make the space more accessible. People in wheelchairs currently have to sit up against the wall, but the new layout will provide more options.

"That whole part of the plan is about accessibility," McGuigan said. "It will ensure that we can handle more wheelchairs. It will be more accessible to walkers, too, and it will be more pleasant for our audience as old chairs will be replaced with new ones."

The last phase will also include renovating two kitchens.

Programming will continue as normal at the theatre, which is set to stage Flare Path by Terence Rattigan starting Oct. 27.

ALEX ROBINSON/METROLAND MEDIA

That's a loooooong gourd

AGRICULTURE

Richmond man tops record by 10-plus inches

It's a long gourd that has really lived up to its name.

At a world-record 149.5 inches (almost 12-1/2 feet), it beats the previous mark, set in 2013, by over 10 inches. From 2009

to 2013, the world record for a long gourd had advanced from 134.25 inches to 139.25 inches, just five inches in five years.

This long gourd's grower, Al Eaton of Richmond, calls it "phenomenal" to better the existing world record by more than 10 inches, likening it to a runner achieving a 3-1/2-minute mile when the previous world record was four.

Eaton is no stranger to world records, having grown a then-world-record 1,446-pound giant pumpkin in 2004. Since then he has switched his attention to growing long gourds, leading to this year's world record.

This world-record long gourd was measured at the Bracebridge Agriculture Society Fall Fair on Sept. 19, which is one of several official weigh-off/measuring sites

for the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth, the organization which oversees and sanctions the results for giant pumpkins and long gourds at over 100 sites around the world.

Long gourds are more common in the Mediterranean and Eastern European areas of the world. They are usually up to three feet in length and are used for salads and soups.

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Project to cost nearly \$1M

The whole project will cost \$975,000, and the theatre has raised \$680,000 so far. The theatre received a recently announced \$159,000 infrastructure grant from the federal government for Phase 4.

The fundraising campaign also received \$150,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

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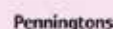


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Police want \$6,300 for bike data

FOI REQUEST

Metro seeks information on accidents over 18 months



Steve Rennie
Metro | Ottawa

Data doesn't come cheap, especially when it comes to the Ottawa Police Service.

The police want \$6,300 in exchange for records showing the location, time and date of collisions between cyclists and motor vehicles.

In July, Metro filed a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for "all records related to collisions between motor vehicles and cyclists in the city from January 2014 to July 27, 2015. Please include the location of the collisions, the time and date of the collisions, any information that describes what happened, and whether any charges were laid."

Carol Brunet, a freedom of



Officials say it'll take 105 hours at \$60 an hour to retrieve data on collisions between cyclists and motor vehicles. METRO FILE

information analyst for the force, previously told Metro the Ottawa Police Service would have to write a "program" to extract the data from its records.

Metro subsequently spoke

with Glenn Richardson, the police's manager of business solutions support, who said he would try to see if there was a less costly way of extracting the data.

Apparently, there isn't.

Metro received a letter from the Ottawa police this week with a hefty fee estimate.

"Through consultation with the Ottawa Police Service, BIS Business Solutions, it was determined that in order

to retrieve the statistical information you requested it is required to develop a program to retrieve the information as explained to you by BIS Business Solutions Manager Glenn Richardson," the letter says.

\$3,150

Ottawa police want a deposit of \$3,150 by Oct. 30 before they'll begin to work on Metro's statistical retrieval.

The cops want \$6,300 for the records — with a deposit of \$3,150 by Oct. 30 — before they'll even go ahead with the request.

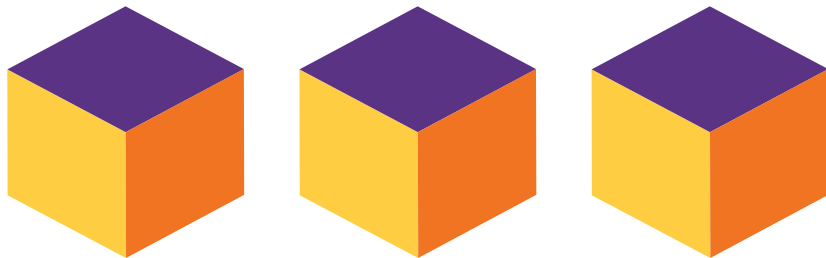
That's based on an estimate of 105 hours of "computer programing" at a cost of \$60 an hour.

Metro has filed an appeal to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario.

Ottawa police spokesman Const. Marc Soucy said he had nothing else to add beyond the explanation given in the fee-estimate letter.

"Well, if you put in an FOI request for statistics and all that, when you get your reply it should be all explained in there," he said on Tuesday.

"There's no further comment to add."



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IN BRIEF

Traffic disruptions on two city bridges

The National Capital Commission is advising residents there might be traffic disruptions on the Portage Bridge and Champlain Bridge beginning Wednesday.

Overnight asphalt repair work will begin on both bridges Wednesday through Friday, between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Lane reductions will be in place, with one lane remaining open in each direction.

METRO

HIGHWAY 417

OPP kept busy with aggressive drivers



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

The OPP investigated two cases of aggressive driving on the 417 Monday, including one that resulted in a physical altercation and an assault charge.

The first incident happened on Highway 417 in the east-bound lane at Palladium Drive at 6:48 a.m. Police say after a collision between two vehicles, one of them fled the scene. Police

later charged Aaron Shoard, 34, with careless driving and failing to remain at the scene of a collision.

In the second incident, a car collided with a motorcycle at 2 p.m. on Highway 417, east of Eagleson Road. A physical altercation started between the two drivers, according to police.

Donald Turner, 53, of Ottawa, is charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and assault. He is scheduled to appear in court on Nov. 19.



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Developers benefit from OMB ruling

REAL ESTATE

Community support for 23-townhouse project very low

A 23-townhouse development planned for Bachman Terrace in Katimavik-Hazeldean is ready to go ahead despite the city refusing the developer's application

and widespread opposition from the community and the area's councillor.

Thanks to an Ontario Municipal Board decision rendered Aug. 21, Tega Developments Inc. is free to build their townhouses at 19 and 23 Bachman Terrace, where community members, Kanata South Coun. Allan Hubley and the city have concerns over the density on the property.

Other concerns include a lack of snow and garbage storage

space, and the possible impact on a nearby park and the surrounding roads. The lot area is about a third of a hectare.

"We actually had developers say to us that this is the kind of proposals that gives development a bad name, and most of the other developers in this city would never come forward with a proposal like this," said Hubley. "It's a bad proposal."

But the proposal process didn't start that way, he said.

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Most of the other developers in this city would never come forward with a proposal like this.

Kanata Coun. Allan Hubley

Several years ago when the first proposal for the property

came in, a plan for 14 to 16 townhomes was being proposed, he said.

After holding a community meeting on the proposal, support was mixed and changes requested, he said. However, Tega came back with a proposal for 25 homes.

In a last-minute effort, Tega dropped the proposal to 23 townhomes, said Hubley, who said it wasn't enough of a compromise for the city to allow the required

rezoning. Tega went to the Ontario Municipal Board to appeal. The board sided with Tega.

Tega Developments did not respond to multiple attempts to contact them.

After suggesting at a Katimavik-Hazeldean Community Association meeting on Sept. 14 that Tega could begin construction "tomorrow," Hubley added, "We're not going to make life easy for them."

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Daniel Richer and his partner, Julia Dudley, in New Zealand, for the World Town Crier Championships. CONTRIBUTED

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ottawan town crier a roaring success



Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Town criers are traditionally the official messengers for royalty or politicians, but Ottawa's Daniel Richer has his own news worth shouting. The town crier of 34 years recently returned from the World Town Crier Championships in Central Otago, New Zealand with a slew of awards under his 18th-century style belt.

He won top prize for most elegant crier and placed third for best overall crier. A "very proud moment" for Richer was when he placed second in the hometown cry category.

"It's an amazing experience because we get to sell our re-

gion," he said. Twenty criers from six countries competed in the tournament, which took place Sept. 24-30. They are judged on diction, pronunciation, costume, entrance, ability to keep the audience's attention and, of course, volume.

Anyone who has seen Richer knows he takes his ceremonial role as seriously as any of the 41 Ontario Guild of Town Criers.

There are 20 town crier costumes in his closet, ranging from native regalia to the Medieval French Court style. His partner, Julia Dudley, is part of the act and flew with him to New Zealand.

Richer, who participates in about 200 global events annually, is next heading to France for the L'Oreille en Pointe festival.

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IN BRIEF

City charged 28 Uber drivers in the last 3 months

In the months leading up to Uber's first anniversary of operations in Ottawa, the city laid 68 charges against 28 individual drivers.

According to figures released to Metro on Tuesday, the city said the charges were laid from July 1 to Sept.

30. Among the 28 drivers, 26 pleaded guilty, according to the city. Fines from the crackdown in that three-month period exceeded \$20,000. Uber Canada, which launched the UberX service in Ottawa on Oct. 1, 2014, said there were more than 150,000 trips taken in September. JOE LAFARO/METRO

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READY TO ENGAGE

Metro's coast-to-coast daily election series connects young, urban Canadians to the issues they care about

Political junkie breaks mould of the young voter

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
in Toronto

Alexander Cohen is late. He arrives with apologies and the buzzing energy of a 20-year-old man who's taken a swig of sweet politics, and is hooked.

Cohen has been in a meeting all morning — every weekday morning, lately — plotting to get out the vote on campus. And, as head of the University of Toronto's young Liberals' club, the Liberal vote, in particular.

This morning's task: How to capitalize on a visit from little-known Stephan Dion, who was leading the Liberals when today's university students were hitting puberty.

"We're doing a vote mob," he says, which seems to mean a rowdy crowd roaming campus encouraging students to vote in advance polls.

"University students, post-secondary students, actually do vote in the same numbers as the general population. So on a university campus, get out the vote is very useful," Cohen notes. That could especially matter in his Toronto riding, hotly contested between the media-personality candidates of the NDP and

Liberals (Jennifer Hollett and Chrystia Freeland, respectively). Some MPs are elected by only a few thousand votes, he notes, an outcome that could be swayed by the thousands of U of T students who will likely cast ballots.

Cohen, raised in a politically savvy Ottawa family, has felt a kinship to politics since he first brought a campaign sign to school when he was a boy (his non-partisan parents wouldn't put in on the lawn).

"What I like about politics is it touches everything," he says. He's curious about how our country is run, and says the Liberals centrist politics match his belief that "the best solution in this country don't come from the polarized left and right."

The Liberals "have been involved in building this country for years," he says, entrenching official bilingualism, medicare, and the charter of rights and freedoms.

And while he had his doubts when Trudeau was named party leader, "we've seen Justin Trudeau grow over the past couple of years," he says.

Cohen praises the party's housing strategy and plans to improve public transit and boost youth employment. He recounts in detail Freeland's

CV and calls her "a heavy hitter."

"There's a lot more the government can be doing" for young Canadians, he says. "Is it easier or harder for a young person like me to pay for school, get a place to live and get a job in downtown Toronto than it was in 2006 when Stephen Harper came to office? It's harder."

Still, he admits that young Canadians remain largely overlooked in national politics. The Liberals, in announcing their final platform document, named it after the golden-goose "middle class" — a purely aspirational group for most millennials.

And yet Cohen remains engrossed. The local battle is tight; recent national polls show the Liberals pulling ahead of the Conservatives, and the NDP waning. "We're on a knife's edge," he says. "We're at a moment right now where so, so much is possible. There's a lot happening, and elections are fun, because they are about possibilities." In the words of a believer, this is big opportunity, and "I think we can seize it."

Rosemary Westwood is traveling across the country talking to young voters. She'll be in Toronto again tomorrow.



VOTER PROFILE

Name: Alexander Cohen **Age:** 20 **Riding:** University-Rosedale
His issues: Affordable housing, jobs and public transit

Conservative pot stance 'complete nonsense'

POLICY

Advocates say lives shouldn't be ruined over marijuana use



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Stephen Harper's recent comments on marijuana have drawn ire from community advocates and medical users of the drug.

While speaking at a campaign stop in Montreal Saturday, the Conservative Party leader said cannabis is "infinitely worse" than tobacco.

He insisted his government would continue to apply tough laws against its use, a stance he's maintained even

during candidate debates. Keith Fagin, founder and director with Calgary 420 Cannabis Community, an advocacy group that looks to legalize the sale of marijuana through regulation, much like alcohol, said Harper's comments are "complete nonsense."

"It's ridiculous," he said.

Fagin said the government's current drug policy can ruin young people's lives, where some end up in jail for having a pipe and a bit of residue in it.

"Just because they consume a bit of cannabis doesn't make them bad people," he said. "Kids tell me they feel like they miss out on job opportunities after they get a criminal record for minor incidents."

Pot can also be abused and affect people's health negatively, Fagin added, but

alcohol, for example, is no different.

"Anything can be abused," he said. "But marijuana is a lot less harmful when used normally."

The Conservatives have long linked the use of marijuana to the increase in risks of mental health problems. However, medical research on that issue is divided.

Details from a 2014 report on the issue from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

drew specific conclusions. While the use of cannabis carries significant health risks — especially for people using it frequently or begin to use it at an early age — criminalizing it heightens these health harms and causes more social harms, the report concluded.

On a scale of 0-100, both tobacco and cannabis were rated 0 on lethality. Tobacco

was rated 100 for damage to physical health, while pot was 20. Marijuana however was rated 30 for impairment

of mental functioning, while tobacco was rated 0.

"At the levels and patterns of use reported by most adult

cannabis users, the health risks are modest, significantly lower than tobacco or alcohol," the report said.

BY THE NUMBERS

Which is the baddest habit?

Justin Trudeau wants to legalize recreational use of marijuana, while Stephen Harper says pot's effects are 'infinitely worse' than tobacco's. They can't both be right, can they?

10% of users become addicted

4% of users report problems

Has been linked to bronchitis and cancer

Hindering cognitive and psychomotor effects



68% of users become addicted

Between 30% & 50% of users report problems

37,000 people die each year due to use

Costs health care \$4.4 billion every year

SOURCE: THE CANADIAN PRESS



METROTALKS ELIZABETH MAY

The Green party leader drops in for a revealing chat with Metro Vancouver during another whirlwind day on the campaign trail

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Matt Kieltka
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BATTLING PUBLIC PERCEPTION

Whoosh.

In a sudden rush, Elizabeth May, the Green party's energetic leader, glides into a boardroom at Metro Vancouver's office.

Still munching on a bag of bulk almonds forced on her by her 24-year-old daughter and campaign caretaker, Cate May Burton, the MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands makes her greetings and quickly grabs a hairbrush from Cate's purse.

Two strokes.

"Does my hair look OK?" May asks, using her daughter as a mirror while not seeming to care what the answer is.

Good enough.

No almonds stuck between her teeth? Check. Good to go.

"My daughter keeps me alive," admits May, off the back of a news conference in opposition to increased tanker traffic off

B.C.'s coast and cutting it close to her flight out of town.

What follows isn't the scattered lightning round you'd expect from someone living in the eye of the storm but a composed and revealing conversation about the nation and the misperceived role of the surging Greens in that system.

Chiefly, May bats away the public perception that her party of eco-lovers hate all things oil-

sands. "Obviously, the Greens oppose (Kinder Morgan and Enbridge in B.C.), as we oppose Keystone and Energy East," she says.

Obviously, May believes most of our fossil fuels should be left in the ground. But...

"A lot of people don't necessarily fully understand the reasons for our opposition. It's not good for our economy, either, to have a strategy for oilsands development which is about maximizing the production of a low-value product and exporting it unprocessed," she said.

May argues that in supporting a "rip and strip" economy, Stephen Harper's government has been beholden to multinational corporations when it should be processing, upgrading and

refining oil and gas at home, stimulating the economy and creating jobs.

"The idea that being against pipelines is somehow being against jobs is absolutely, on its head, the opposite to the reality that this is all about shipping jobs to other countries," May says.

She thinks the federal government should sit down with provinces and create a national energy plan, following former Alberta premier Peter Lougheed's plan to manufacture bitumen, upgrade it to crude and process it in refineries in Alberta as a public resource.

The only country that has successfully followed his plan to the letter, May says, is Norway, which has leveraged its oil reserves into a trillion-dollar legacy fund for its people.

"If you divided up the legacy fund to the population of Norway, every Norwegian is a millionaire," she says, "because they followed Peter Lougheed's plan. So often the Greens are portrayed — because we are absolutely against bitumen pipelines and tankers — we're portrayed as if we're somehow against Canada's economic prosperity, and the opposite is true."

May spends the next 40 minutes talking about strategic voting, her exclusion from various leaders debates, trade agreements and even her aspirations to one day write mystery novels — until she feels a familiar tug on her sleeve.

"We really have to go," Cate May Burton pleads, as her mother — ever willing to engage on issues and show off a candidate's "Cut the bulls-t" poster — is reluctantly pulled away.

It's going to be another mad scramble to the airport.

Clear a path ahead of the Green tornado's next stop.

Fear, strategic voting biggest threats to the Green party



Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Elizabeth May thinks her party has a shot at winning 12 to 15 seats, but with one major caveat — it will happen only if people aren't swayed by anyone-but-Harper strategic voting campaigns that assert a Green vote is a wasted vote.

"I have people saying, 'You know, I voted for you last time and I really love you ... but this time I have to vote strategically,'" she said, chastising the increasingly popular argument for strategic voting.

It reasons that a vote for the Greens helps Harper by splitting votes between the Greens, NDP and Liberal candidates,

thus stopping any from getting elected.

But May argues that is false. "If that was true, Stephen Harper would be working to get me in debates, not get us out," she said.

"The biggest threat to those seats going to Greens is people being afraid."

Green voters are often people who usually vote Conservative or people who didn't vote at all in previous elections, she said. In 2008, the year the party got the most votes, Harper won only a minority government. In 2011, when the Green vote plummeted — May believes this is because she wasn't allowed in major debates — Harper won a majority.

May won a seat in 2011 but did not in 2008.

She sympathizes with people who feel pulled to vote strategically but said it discourages voter turnout by making people feel uncertain and fearful. And it's important to encourage people to hit the polls, since nearly 40 per cent stayed at home last time.

"The biggest voting block in this country is the people who in 2011 and in 2008 stayed home," she said.

Outside of B.C., where the Greens undoubtedly hold the most clout, May said there are "pockets of strength" in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Ontario and Quebec.

She is particularly optimistic about the prospects of Mary Lou Babineau in Fredericton and MP Bruce Hyer in Thunder Bay-Superior North.



ROB KRUYT/FOR METRO

PRIORITIES

If the Green party held the power...

If the Greens hold the balance of power in the coming parliament, Elizabeth May outlines the priorities that she'll try to push through:

- 1 Foster a co-operative, productive parliament
- 2 Get rid of the first-past-the-post electoral system (the Greens, Liberals and NDP all prefer proportional representation)
- 3 Abolish anti-terror Bill C-51
- 4 Demand real climate action, including keeping tankers off the coastline, and head to the UN climate talks in Paris as leaders

"That's it."
— Elizabeth May

ON NEIL YOUNG

"The first set of the concert was his more acoustic stuff, his older stuff, so I was transported back. I was remembering my friends' houses where I first heard various Neil Young songs. This was Grade 11. To know I was going to be meeting with him was very cool.

He's been very active on environmental issues and particularly promoting the campaign to put environmental rights in our constitution, and because we're the only party who's been advocating for that, he wanted to meet with me. So it was fantastic.... It was just as exciting as anyone who is a Neil Young fan would imagine it is to have a chance to hang out with him."

— Elizabeth May, after meeting Neil Young in Vancouver on Monday night



Neil Young speaks to reporters in Vancouver on Monday. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

What May would say

Elizabeth May has been forced to sit on the sidelines for three of the five leaders' debates during this election campaign. Here's what she would add to the debate:

CLIMATE CHANGE

"Although it's come up, the level of understanding and detail on this issue is so low from the party leaders that the debate has been at best superficial."

INCOME INEQUALITY

"In the clamouring to play to the middle class in this election, we forgot about poverty. We need to talk about the growing gap between the wealthiest and the poorest Canadians. The 86 wealthiest families have the same combined wealth as the 11.4 million Canadians at the bottom of the income pyramid. That's pretty shocking."

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

"I'm wearing the pin from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission so that, throughout this entire campaign, every day I don't forget to raise these issues. I raised them in the two debates that I was included in, and I was the only leader to raise (it) in both of those debates."



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CLUB DEAD

Next up for May: The great Canadian mystery novel

When she's not trying to save the world from climate change or investigating secret trade agreements, Green party Leader Elizabeth May wants to create some mysteries of her own.

"I'm a fan of mystery novels," reveals May, who just might be best-selling Canadian author Louise Penny's biggest fan. "I've written eight books, but they're all non-fiction. There are huge threats to my kids and grandkids right now. Until those are resolved, I'm going to stay in politics and I'm going to write non-fiction. But I would love to write fiction."

So without a hint of hesitation, May shared with Metro the first line of her would-be mystery novel, *Club Dead*:

"The paradise escape vacation had been on her bucket list for as long as she'd had one — but she had not planned it as a terminal trip."

May, giddy with delight, out-

lines the plot:

"It's going to be a mystery of figuring out whodunit, right? Of course, a place like the fictional Club Med in my *Club Dead* novel will not be wanting vacationers to know there's something wrong. Like, it was an 'accident' with the scuba equipment, the guy who just died on excursion, and they kind of just shush it up. And when someone gets food poisoning and dies at the buffet, well, did they know the person who just died in the scuba accident? Hmm."

"As the deaths pile up and the core vacation enterprise keeps keeping it quiet, there is one vacationer — of course, she's a police officer from Vancouver taking her first vacation in years — and she starts figuring out that something is amiss."

So keep your eyes peeled, because it looks like someone wants to add an Agatha Award to her Order of Canada.



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Harper to ponder banning the niqab in public service

ELECTION 2015

Claims Tories united with public opinion on matter

A Conservative government would look at banning public servants from wearing the niqab, Stephen Harper told the CBC on Tuesday.

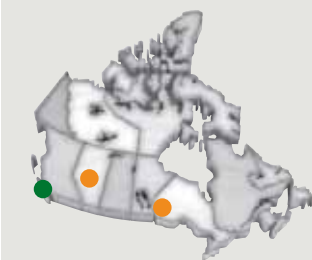
"That's a matter we are going to examine," Harper said in an interview with Power and Politics host Rosemary Barton.

"Quebec, as you know, has legislation on this, and we are looking at that legislation."

Harper said the "vast majority of Canadians" understand the Conservative government's decision to try to ban face coverings at citizenship ceremonies.

The policy, however, has been overturned in the courts.

WHERE THE LEADERS ARE WEDNESDAY



- **Stephen Harper's** itinerary is not available.
- **Justin Trudeau's** itinerary is also unavailable.
- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Enoch, Alta., Whitefish Bay, Ont., and Kenora, Ont.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Victoria, B.C.

The Federal Court of Canada found the rule unlawful in February, and the Federal Court of Appeal recently upheld the decision.

On Monday, the appeal court also rejected the government's request to put the ruling on hold while Ottawa seeks a hearing at the Supreme Court of Canada.

Justice Johanne Trudel dismissed the government's application for a stay of a Sept.

15 decision that affirmed the unlawfulness of the prohibition on face coverings at citizenship ceremonies.

The case was brought on behalf of Zunera Ishaq, who refused to take part in a ceremony because she would have to show her face while reciting the oath of citizenship.

The NDP and Liberals have accused the government of using the issue to distract voters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

QUEBEC

Former Lt.-Gov. out of jail

After six nights behind bars, former Quebec lieutenant-governor Lise Thibault was freed Tuesday as a judge granted her lawyer permission to appeal her 18-month jail term.

Thibault pleaded guilty last December to fraud and breach of trust charges after a 2007 report revealed she claimed more than \$700,000 in improper expenses when she held the vice-regal post.

Tuesday's ruling came after Marc Labelle told the judge his client's case was unique, partly because she is 76, is confined to a wheelchair and has health problems, including anxiety attacks.

Labelle said the lower-court judge who imposed the sentence last week should have taken those factors into consideration. He also argued Quebec court Judge Carol St-Cyr should not have put the emphasis on making an example of Thibault just because of her position as the Queen's representative in the province between 1997 and 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Conservative Leader Stephen Harper greets supporters before speaking during a campaign stop at Global Systems Emissions Inc. in Whitby, Ont., on Tuesday.

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS



HURRICANE SURFERS COME OUT IN FORCE TO RIDE JOAQUIN WAVES Surfers in Nova Scotia took to the coast Tuesday to take advantage of the larger-than-usual swells brought in by Hurricane Joaquin. At a popular Cow Bay surf spot, surfers like Ty Grande paddled out to meet swells as high as two metres. "This is probably our first decent hurricane swell that's come through this year," he said. "Everybody and their dog is out today." JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

MONTREAL

Feds raise stink about sewage

The federal government is playing "cheap" politics and has little credibility on matters of science, Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre said Tuesday, in reaction to Ottawa's call for the city to suspend plans to dump eight billion litres of sewage into the St. Lawrence River.

Coderre gave officials from Environment Canada three days to meet him and city bureaucrats in order to talk about alternatives.

Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq called on the city Tuesday to suspend plans to dump the sewage while her department studies the environmental impacts of releasing the waste into the water.

Aglukkaq added she asked her officials to "explore options

to prevent this release."

"The proposed plans by the City of Montreal to dump billions of litres of untreated raw sewage into this important river is very concerning," Aglukkaq said.



The only possible option is this.

Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre

Montreal plans to dump the untreated wastewater into the river between Oct. 18 and 25.

City officials say they have to release the sewage into the St. Lawrence because roadwork will temporarily shut down a

nearby treatment facility and there is no other place for the waste to go.

Coderre said Tuesday it would cost at least \$1 billion to divert the sewage.

Quebec's environmental department has green-lighted the plan.

The mayor added Environment Canada knew about the problem since September 2014 and the federal department had "months and months" to come up with alternatives.

"If the government of Canada — who is really credible in matters of science and who think 'The Flintstones' are a documentary — are trying give us lessons to win political points," he mused, "I am not getting into it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

FREEDOM

Fahmy making return to Canada

A Canadian journalist who fought terror-related charges in Egypt for nearly two years has finally begun his journey home.

Mohamed Fahmy tweeted a photo on Tuesday of himself with Canada's ambassador to Egypt, Troy Lulashnyk, writing: "Canadian Ambassador

Troy kindly escorted me to the gate at Cairo airport. A glorious end to our battle for freedom!"

On Monday, Fahmy was told his name was removed from a no-fly list, clearing the way for his departure from Cairo.

Fahmy's first stop is London, where he plans to meet with

his high-profile lawyer, Amal Clooney, and take part in a few speaking engagements.

He is then expected to fly to Toronto, where he's said he plans to urge political party leaders to make sure Canada does everything possible to help citizens detained abroad.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Limiting military jobs to men 'crazy'

U.S. DEFENCE

Memo reviews which positions will be closed to women — if any

U.S. Defence Secretary Ash Carter sounded like he's nearly made up his mind about opening all combat jobs to women, as he told U.S. troops in Sicily on Tuesday that limiting his search for qualified military candidates to just half the population would be "crazy."

Meanwhile, in a memo obtained by The Associated Press, Carter gave the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff until the end of October to forward his review of the services' recommendations on which jobs — if any — should remain closed to women. The chairman, Gen. Joseph Dunford, was commandant of the Marine Corps until recently and was the only service chief to recommend

that some front-line combat jobs stay male-only, according to several U.S. officials.

Speaking to a crowd of troops that included a large number of Marines, Carter said he hasn't decided on the recommendations sent to his office and to Dunford. He pledged to thoroughly review the recommendations, particularly those of the Marine Corps, but said that generally he believes that any qualified candidate should be allowed to compete for jobs.

"You have to recruit from the American population. Half the American population is female," Carter told the troops at Naval Air Station Sigonella in Sicily, in response to a question from a Marine. "So I'd be crazy not to be, so to speak, fishing in that pond for qualified service members."

In the memo to all the service secretaries and chiefs, Carter said that he is "fully committed to removing unnecessary barriers to service" in the military.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



U.S. Secretary of Defence Ash Carter, centre, and Spain's Defence Minister Pedro Morenes, right, visit Moron Airbase, near Seville, Spain, Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEGISLATION

FAA seeks \$1.9M fine against drone firm

The Federal Aviation Administration on Tuesday proposed a record \$1.9-million fine against an aerial photography company for flying drones in crowded New York and Chicago airspace without permission.

SkyPan International Inc. of Chicago operated 65 unauthorized flights between March 2012 and December 2014 in some of the nation's most congested airspace, the FAA said in a statement.

Forty-three flights were in the heavily restricted Class B New York airspace without air traffic control clearance, the agency said. Class B airspace is generally from the ground up to 10,000 feet in altitude, and in an approximate 40-mile radius around an airport.

The drones also lacked the two-way radio, transponder and altitude-reporting equipment required of manned aircraft.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Boy, 11, accused of fatally shooting neighbour, 8

An 11-year-old boy has been charged with murder after he killed his 8-year-old neighbour, police said, and witnesses say it was because the girl wouldn't let him see her puppy.

The boy shot the girl from inside his home in White Pine, east of Knoxville, Tenn., Saturday, with his father's 12-gauge shotgun, said Jefferson County Sheriff Bud McCoig. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eleven-year-old shoots, kills 12-year-old brother

An 11-year-old boy fatally shot his 12-year-old brother during a target-shooting outing in eastern Ohio, the local sheriff said Tuesday.

The sheriff said while the instructors were talking about one of the loaded weapons on a picnic table, the younger boy picked up one of the guns and it fired. The older boy was struck in the head and died at the scene. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF**Possible body spotted in search for missing yacht**

A yacht carrying two Britons, an American, a Canadian and a Filipino disappeared while sailing from Hong Kong to Subic Bay northwest of Manila in waters that were lashed by a storm last week, the Philippine coast guard said Tuesday. A search plane spotted what appeared to be a floating body, orange objects and an oil slick in the high seas but it has yet to confirm if they were from the yacht Europa.

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Priest says pointing weapon at boy was joke

A New Jersey priest accused of pointing a functioning musket at an eight-year-old boy in a church's rectory as part of a football rivalry has pleaded not guilty to child endangerment and aggravated assault charges. The Rev. Kevin Carter, an avid New York Giants fan, claims it was joke that was misinterpreted. He and the boy, who roots for the Dallas Cowboys, were talking about football shortly before the incident occurred.

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Police rescue store owner being crushed by python

The owner of a reptile store is recovering after police officers pried off a six-metre python that was crushing the man. Kentucky police tell local news outlets that owner Terry Wilkens was feeding the snake Monday morning when the 56.7-kilogram python attacked. Collins says one of the two responding officers knew to uncurl the snake by grabbing it from its head, freeing Wilkens.

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Flood ruins homes

SOUTH CAROLINA

Historic rainstorm blamed for at least 17 deaths

The family of Miss South Carolina 1954 found her flood-soaked pageant scrapbook on a dining-room floor littered with dead fish on Tuesday, as the first sunny day in nearly two weeks provided a chance to clean up from historic floods.

"I would hate for her to see it like this. She would be crushed," said Polly Sim, who moved her 80-year-old mother into a nursing home just before the rainstorm turned much of the state into a disaster area.

Owners of inundated homes were keeping close watch on swollen waterways as they pried open swollen doors and tore out soaked carpets.

So far, at least 17 people have died in the floods in the Carolinas, some of them drowning after trying to drive through high water.

Sim's mother, known as



Floodwater covers a swing set in Effingham, S.C., on Tuesday. GERRY BROOME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Polly Rankin Suber when she competed in the Miss America contest, had lived since 1972 in the unit, where more than three feet of muddy water toppled her washing machine and turned the wallboard to mush.

"There's no way it will be what it was," said Sim. "My mom was so eccentric, had her

own funky style of decorating; there's no way anyone could duplicate that. Never."

Tuesday was the first dry day since Sept. 24 in South Carolina's state capital, where a curfew was in effect. But officials warned that new evacuations could come as the huge mass of water flows toward the sea,

threatening dams and displacing residents along the way.

Of particular concern was the Santee, Edisto and other rivers make their way to the sea. Gov. Nikki Haley warned that several rivers were rising and had yet to reach their peaks.

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SOUTH AFRICA

Family of Pistorius speaks out

Oscar Pistorius' family criticized South African authorities on Tuesday for delays in deciding whether he should be released from jail and moved to house arrest, saying his rights were being "undermined" because of the publicity surrounding his case.

The family also reacted to parole officials' recommendation that the double-amputee runner undergo psychotherapy, saying he was already receiving "regular and ongoing" psychotherapy from both his personal and prison psychologists.

The Pistorius family spoke out in a written statement after his early release — which had been granted in June — was cancelled Monday and ordered to be reconsidered.

Pistorius was approved to be released on Aug. 21 after serving 10 months of his five-year manslaughter sentence for killing girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp. He would have been moved from jail after one-sixth of the sentence to serve the remainder at home.

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EUROPEAN UNION

Turkey offered cash incentive

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The action plan

The European Union is ready to offer Turkey new incentives to better tackle the Syria refugee crisis, including money, the easing of visa restrictions and intelligence sharing.

The offer came in an action plan unveiled Tuesday, which in exchange, would see Turkey improve its asylum and documentation procedures and beef up border security.

Around two million refugees from Syria are currently

in Turkey.

The Draft Action Plan was presented to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan during his two-day visit to Belgium and the EU, but has yet to be officially accepted by Turkey.

It doesn't address demands made by Erdogan for Turkey's EU membership process to move ahead more quickly.

Nor does it directly address calls he made for European backing for a safe haven and no-fly zone around Syria's northern border, which he said are key to ending the refu-

gee crisis.

Under the offer, Turkey would receive up to 1 billion euros (\$1.1 billion US) to help manage its refugee crisis, and EU funding to help build six reception centres for refugees in Turkey.

The EU is caught in a delicate balancing act, wanting to encourage Turkey to better control its borders amid continued criticism of the abuses of the Kurdish minority there and attacks on the media and justice system.

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BOMBINGS

Russian campaign crowds Syria skies

Russia's entry into the crowded and sometimes unco-ordinated air wars in Syria is making the U.S. increasingly nervous, reflecting concern at the Pentagon and in Europe about the risk of accidents or unintended conflict.

The Russians sent word Tuesday that they are willing to resume talks on ways to avoid warplanes running into each other, or firing upon one another, in the skies over Syria.

The NATO alliance on Mon-

day denounced Russia for "irresponsible behaviour" for allowing its warplanes to twice cross into Turkish airspace.

The situation in Syria is unlike any in recent memory, with multiple air forces bombing a variety of targets, and with no single mechanism for command and control. Russia's role is especially tricky for the U.S., in part because its political aims in Syria are at odds with Washington's.

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ZIMBABWE

Suspected poachers poison 14 elephants

Fourteen elephants were poisoned by cyanide in Zimbabwe in three separate incidents, two years after poachers killed more than 200 elephants by poisoning, Zimbabwe's National Parks and Wildlife Management Authority said Tuesday.

Three elephants were killed in Matusadona National Park in the Kariba area in northern Zimbabwe and 11 more were found dead in two different spots in Hwange National Park in western Zimbabwe over the past two weeks.

In all cases the elephants were killed by cyanide, according to kidney and liver samples from the dead elephants tested by the Biological Sciences Department, said parks spokeswoman Caroline Washaya Moyo.

In Kariba, poachers laced oranges with cyanide, she said, while in Hwange the poison was put on salt licks.

The ivory tusks had been cut off six elephants at one location in Hwange park but the other five elephants still

100,000

The national parks authority estimates Zimbabwe has an elephant population of more than 100,000, though the land should ideally only support 40,000.

had their tusks, suggesting the poachers were disrupted. The motive for the killings in

Matusadona was not known.

There have been no arrests so far over the latest incidents, said Clement Munoriarwa, police commander for Mashonaland West province.

"We have had a number of poaching activities in the province, they are actually increasing each day," said Munoriarwa on state television. "Some are done through the use of firearms and, of course, we have cases where we suspect that there is cyanide poisoning."

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Elephants cross the road in Hwange National Park, about 700 kilometres southwest of Harare, Zimbabwe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Microsoft rolling out new slate of products

Microsoft unveiled its new Lumia 950 phones Tuesday that blur the lines between a phone and a computer. With an optional dock, you can attach a regular monitor, keyboard and mouse and work with apps on the phone just like you would on a Windows 10 desktop. The phones start at \$549 US and will be available in November. The company also announced an updated fitness tracker and showed off a HoloLens virtual-reality device.

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Many not ready for a rate hike

PERSONAL FINANCE

Survey finds 16% couldn't pay \$500 more in mortgage

Nearly one in six Canadians would not be able to handle a \$500 increase in their monthly mortgage payments, a new survey from the Bank of Montreal suggests.

According to the bank, 16 per cent of respondents said they would not be able to afford such an increase, while more than a quarter, or roughly 27 per cent, would need to review their budget.

Another 26 per cent said they would be concerned but could probably handle it.

Such an increase would be generated in the case of a three percentage point hike in interest rates — from 2.75 per cent to 5.75 per cent — on a

\$300,000 mortgage with a 25-year amortization period.

A report by Statistics Canada last month found the ratio of household credit market debt to disposable income climbed in the second quarter of 2015 to 164.6 per cent, up from 163.0 per cent in the first three months of the year.

That means Canadians owed nearly \$1.65 in consumer credit and mortgage and non-mortgage loans for every dollar of disposable income.

The report by BMO's Wealth Institute found that almost

half of Canadians, 47 per cent, believed that the high level of debt in Canada has been influenced by soaring real-estate values, while 40 per cent believed it has been influenced by low rates.

Interest rates, including mortgage rates, have been near historic lows.

BMO noted that when interest rates are low, it is a good time to make aggressive principal repayments on loans. Its survey found that 35 per cent of respondents are looking to pay down their mortgage sooner.

"However, statistics have shown that debt service rates have not changed very much from the early 1990s, when interest rates were much higher," the report said. "It appears that many Canadians have used low interest rates to get larger loans on more expensive houses rather than to aggressively repay their debt."

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BMO report



BMO's Wealth Institute reports 47 per cent of Canadians believe soaring real-estate values have influenced consumers' high levels of debt. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

DATA STORAGE

U.S. servers not safe, court says

Facebook and thousands of other companies could find it vastly more complicated to do business in Europe after a court ruled that personal data sent to U.S. servers is potentially unsafe from government spying.

Some 4,500 companies have long been able to store users' personal data — everything from status updates and photos to personal information like bank details and home addresses — where they see fit, often in the U.S.

That could change after Eur-

ope's top court on Tuesday declared invalid a 15-year-old pact allowing the unfettered transfer of personal data outside the European Union's 28 countries.

The case was brought by an Austrian law student in the wake of revelations by former U.S. National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden of the extent of the NSA's surveillance programs. Max Schrems complained that U.S. law doesn't offer sufficient protection against surveillance of

data transferred by Facebook to servers in the United States.

The verdict could have far-reaching implications for companies operating in Europe. It does not mean they have to immediately stop transferring data to the U.S. Rather, it opens up the possibility that European regulators will be inundated by complaints by consumers who do not want their data stored in the U.S. That would make it difficult for companies to do business.

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ECONOMY

IMF sees growth slowing to 1%

The International Monetary Fund has cut its growth outlook for the Canadian economy to just 1 per cent for the year due to the drop in oil prices and reduced investment in the energy sector.

The forecast, issued Tuesday, is down from the IMF's expectation in July for Canadian growth of 1.5 per cent.

The organization also lowered its Canadian outlook for 2016 to 1.7 per cent from 2.1 per cent.

A major contributor to Canada's slowdown, it said, was

lower capital spending in the oil sector.

The downgrade by the IMF came as Statistics Canada reported the country's trade deficit with the world increased to \$2.5 billion in August, as exports posted their biggest drop since 2012 due to a sharp fall in oil prices.

CIBC economist Nick Exarhos noted soft energy prices and temporary disturbances

to more regular trade patterns played a role in August.

"It's clear that the cheaper loonie still needs time to have its full effect in lifting Canadian export volumes," Exarhos said.

Canada's exports in August fell 3.6 per cent from the previous month to \$44 billion, while imports edged up 0.2 per cent to \$46.5 billion.

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3.1%

The IMF said the world economy would grow only 3.1 per cent this year, the lowest since 2009.

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THE QUESTION

I am a student at one of Canada's top universities and I just got a disturbing mass email from my history professor. I'm in awe of all the grammatical and punctuation errors. Am I being a snob?

Dear Ellen,
I am a student at one of Canada's top universities and I just got a disturbing mass email sent out to the whole class from my history professor. I'm in awe of all the grammatical and punctuation errors. Am I being a snob? Is that wrong?

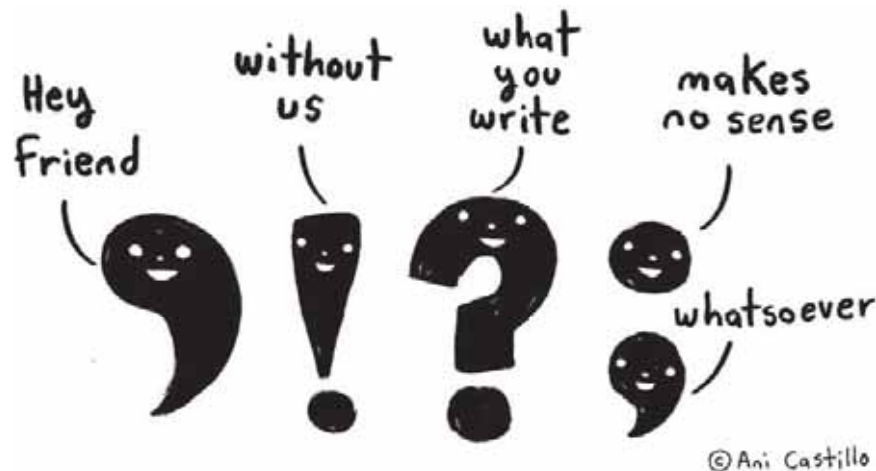
Rufus in Vancouver

Dear Rufus,
Coincidentally, I just heard a story from a relative in Winnipeg about a disturbing grammatical incident in an operating room. A teenager named Forbes was getting a couple of screws put into his tibia to repair a badly broken leg. As he was going under, he asked the anesthesiologist about a sheet suspended from a bar above his chest. "Is that so I can't see what's happening?" Forbes asked. "Probably," said the anesthesiologist. Forbes felt his concern rising. "Because I really don't want to see this," he added. The anesthesiologist shrugged: "It don't matter."

Forbes was almost unconscious at this point — but sheer disbelief evoked a superhuman effort to remain alert. Did this medical doctor, who was a native English speaker and who was presumably university-educated and who was in charge of calibrating a chemical cocktail that could turn Forbes' teenaged brain into perma-mush, just say, "It don't matter?"

Clinging to his last shred of

Clear communication is vastly more important than slavishly following rules.



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consciousness, Forbes slurred out a correction: "Donsheiw minn it *dushent* matter?" The last thing he remembers is the OR erupting in laughter.

Unfortunately, Forbes' distrust of the badly spoken anesthesiologist was borne out when, not having been given enough gas, he woke up in the middle of the procedure and then, after the doc administered too much compensatory gas, he puked his guts out in post-op.

I hesitate to draw a direct line between bad grammar and life-threatening incompetence and I definitely do not subscribe to the elitist attitude that perfect grammar is a must for everyone. Clear communication is vastly more important than slavishly following rules. To the extent that such rules are useful at all, it's insofar as they transmit meaning clearly. And being a snob about language is the antithesis of both clear communication and good manners.

But if there is a time and a place for proper grammar, surely it's among expensively trained, highly trusted

medical professionals and academics.

If you're at a top university, Rufus, you (or your parents) have probably spent a small fortune on tuition, books, supplies and room and board, and it's reasonable, and in no way "snobby," to expect your teachers to be at least as respectful of written communication as you are. You're at university to learn how to think critically, with precision and subtlety. Proper grammar and punctuation are essential tools used to achieve precision and subtlety. How can you learn from someone who doesn't seem to know this?

As it is, your professor's sloppily written email indicates sloppy thinking. It's possible he or she is learning disabled, or dyslexic, or the email was written under duress while your professor was being held captive and is actually a carefully coded cry for help — in which case we'd love to hear the whole story, grammatical or otherwise. But, barring the kidnapping scenario, there's no excuse for not asking someone else

to edit communiqués before inflicting them on impressionable students. Personally, I'd be tempted to send the professor a corrected version of the email and then ask for a refund on that particular course.

But let us not forget the lesson of the ungrammatical anesthesiologist. You may not want to risk being subjected to the academic equivalent of too much or too little surgical-strength ketamine on your pliant young brain.

My advice is that you fill out the online survey that university students are asked to complete these days. Be fair, and polite, but detailed in your description of any and all sloppy emails sent out by any and all instructors.

And, seriously, when else will you ever get the chance to pen a (supposedly) Churchillian and deliciously ironic phrase such as: "This kind of grammatical offence is something up with which I will not put?"

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Here's why farmers are turning against the Conservatives



Laura Boyd-Clowes
For Metro

Farmers have traditionally been reliable supporters of Stephen Harper's Conservative government.

But that's changing. In the past five years, more and more farmers have turned against the prime minister. A farmer in Brantford, Ont., recently went so far as to mow the message "Anybody But Harper" into one of his fields.

The reason for the backlash is simple: the current government has demolished the precious little security of Canadian farmers' livelihoods.

One of the worst attacks on farmers was when the government handed the Canadian Wheat Board to Saudi- and U.S.-based firms, against wheat farmers' wishes.

Canadian wheat growers now face uncertain competition in global marketplaces. Probably only the largest operations will be able to survive.

What's more, Harper's been responsible for many devastating cuts to agricultural research, leaving farmers without the knowledge they need to do their jobs — and grow our food. Shouldn't a federal government make that a top research priority?

Canadian farmers are also worried about the decision by Harper to sign the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) — a free-trade agreement intended to improve Canada's economic relationships with other countries along the Pacific, including the U.S., Australia, Japan

and Chile. Dairy farmers have been demonstrating against the TPP, which they say jeopardizes their livelihoods.

Because the agreement means more imported dairy, they fear overseas producers will out-compete Canada's own suppliers. Profits are already so low, many small dairy farms across the country have been forced out of business.

If larger international companies manage to undercut Canadian prices, this will make it even harder for our farmers to make a decent living. Small, independent farmers will be increasingly contributing to unemployment statistics.

There is a not-so-hidden message behind Harper's actions: the Conservatives know what is best, so we should all just shut up.

I have farmers in my family and I myself have lived and worked on farms. Farmers know what's best for themselves. Working with plants, animals and machinery in increasingly unpredictable weather, overcoming obstacles and improving margins require practical, scientific thinking. When farmers say, "These policies will not work for us," they've observed the results of similar policies elsewhere and seen that they haven't worked for farmers.

No matter whether you're urban or rural, or what your job is, as long as you eat, you should be worried. The livelihoods of small farmers, and by extension the sovereignty of our food system, is depending on voters to reverse the damage Harper's government has done.

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RECIPE EXCERPT

Almond-Crusted Trout and Ginger Rice Pilaf

Quantity: 4 servings
Prep time: 30 minutes
Cooking time: 6 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Tbsp butter
- 1/2 cup finely chopped yellow onion
- 2 Tbsp fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 1 cup long-grain white rice
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 1/2 lbs trout

For the crust:

- Zest and juice of 1 lime
- 1 to 2 tsp sriracha sauce, to taste
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/3 cup panko bread crumbs
- 1/3 cup almond flour
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

STEPS

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F.
2. Melt the butter in a pot and cook the onion and ginger together until soft, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Add the rice and cook for 2 more minutes, stirring often.
4. Add the chicken stock and bring the mixture to a boil.
5. Reduce the heat, cover and cook for 15 to 20 minutes or until the rice has absorbed all the stock. Adjust the seasoning.
6. Arrange the trout on a baking sheet, season with salt and pepper, and set aside.
7. In a bowl, combine all the crust ingredients. Season with salt and pepper, and then spread the mixture over the trout fillets.
8. Bake in the oven for 5 to 6 minutes, and then broil until the crust turns lightly golden brown.
9. Serve with the rice pilaf.

A healthy obsession



Trout gets a flavour boost with a tasty panko crust. ALL PHOTOS AND RECIPES ARE TAKEN FROM THREE TIMES A DAY BY MARILOU AND ALEXANDRE CHAMPAGNE. REPRODUCED WITH PERMISSION FROM HOUSE OF ANANSI PRESS, HOUSEOFANANSI.COM. AVAILABLE FROM YOUR LOCAL BOOKSELLER OR FROM HOUSEOFANANSI.COM.

COOKBOOK

After battling anorexia, Marilou blogged her way back to eating well

Melita Kuburas
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Food is culture. Food is nutrition. Food is friendship.

Increasingly, food has also become an obsession, with many of us photographing and posting our pretty plates, proselytizing about "eating clean" or the health benefits of hemp seeds, kombucha, or sacha inchi — examples of my own recent fetishes.

For Marilou, a French-Canadian singer and blogger whose cookbook *Three Times a Day* comes out on Saturday, food used to be something to fear.

"Food was kind of an enemy because it would make me become fat. It was the only thing I could feel around food," says Marilou, who battled anorexia for about five years. Her eating disorder started when she was 16 and left her physically and emotionally spent.

"I loved eating but I couldn't enjoy it. I was really obsessed. I was only thinking about that, even if I was at a movie or with friends or with family," says the 25-year-old, who goes only by her first name.

"I knew that I wanted children and so I knew that I wouldn't be able to continue my life like that and be the woman that I wanted to become."

Marilou is now expecting a child with her husband and col-

laborator, Alexandre Champagne, 30.

Together they started the blog *Trois-FoisParJour.com* on the heels of Marilou's recovery, in part as a way to share her experience with the thousands of young women who started reading. Since its launch in 2013 the blog has attracted 400,000 followers, and last year's French-language print of the cookbook has sold 200,000 copies.

Champagne's background as a portrait photographer translates into the esthetic of the cookbook, where the meal is his muse. He combines his love of vibrant colours with an earthy backdrop — meaning the meals are pictured against distressed wood, burlap placemats and chipped vintage china.

Diversity is a strong point, with recipes that range from the economical (a simple Pulled Pork Tacos and Almond-Crusted Trout) to the more involved (a gorgeous Cream of Beet and Almond Butter Soup and My Favourite Chocolate Cake).

In this book, food is a gift — quite literally. Seventeen of the recipes are categorized as such. The Spiced Lentil and Barley Soup can be assembled in a pretty jar with a ribbon tied on, as can the six different kinds of pestos, the recipes for which are displayed in a two-page infographic.

Even with a new appreciation of food, Marilou admits she is still influenced by her past when it comes to the recipes she includes in her work.

"I'm a different person because of what I've been through. So, yes, I was inspired by my condition," Marilou says.

"And while it's good to eat healthy food, (it's also OK) to eat desserts once in a while."



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If you're into tradition, here are old-school manners tips

Theresa Albert
For Metro Canada



Holidays are rife with protocol and manners that you may just be breaking.

Do you know when it is rude to bring food or flowers to a host? That's right; your quick, kind stop at the flower shop may be working against you.

The new book *Which Fork do I Use?* (Burns Rosemarie and Reed, Linda, *Manners Simply*, 2014 \$24.95 available online at mannerssimply.com) is laid out beautifully enough to be a gift itself. Which begs the question of whether this gift would be rude, hmmm.

Did you know:

- Food only moves in one direction when passed at the table. Everything from the

bread basket to the turkey platter should always travel from left to right in a counter clockwise direction.

- When eating soup, it is OK to lean forward slightly but do not blow. Wait until it cools enough to consume and use your spoon to scoop from the top or the edges where it is likely to be cooler. Fill spoon only 3/4 full and scoop away from you. Tilt the bowl away from you if need be and tap the edge of the spoon against the rim furthest from you to level off any drips. When you're done, place the spoon in the "I'm finished" position with the bowl facing 4 o'clock across the dish.

- Bread should be placed on the side plate or the rim of your dinner plate if no side plate is available. Small pieces should be ripped from your own slice or roll and buttered on the plate. Never butter in mid-air or in your hand. (This is North American style, in France, for instance, bread goes on the table cloth and it isn't spread with butter.)



Don't spoil a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner with bad manners. ISTOCK

- When enjoying the main meal, it is considered rude to cut more than one bite at a time. Use your fork and knife (properly!) to slice one small bite-sized piece at a time and chew and swallow it.

- Coffee cups must be held by the handle, not cradled in the hands like a mug.

- Never push your plate away from you when finished — this is considered pretty rude.

Instead, use the "I'm finished" signal by placing your fork and knife together in a 4 o'clock position.

- Crunching your napkin and tossing it into your finished

plate whether it is paper or cloth is rude. Fold when you are finished and place to the left of your setting.

Of course, the key and critical tip is now and has always been "don't talk with your mouthful."

The truth is, that's just gross. Nothing you have to say is so important or entertaining that it will overcome the ick factor of seeing your food all chunked up and flopping around your maw. (Or worse, falling out.)

Theresa is an on-camera food and health expert, nutritionist and writer who loves to spread the word on food



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Go Back to the Future with Pepsi

RETAIL

Marty McFly's drink of choice up for sale on Amazon

Cristabelle Tumola
Metro | New York

Back to the Future II may have been more fiction than reality now that it's 2015 (we're still waiting on an actual hoverboard), but one of the film's creations is coming to life.

Pepsi announced this week that it is coming out with Pepsi Perfect — the famous soda Marty McFly orders in the second instalment of the trilogy.

"Pepsi fans asked and we heard them loud and clear," said Lou Arbetter, senior director of marketing for PepsiCo, said in a statement.

"The Back to the Future trilogy was as big a moment in pop culture history then



Collectible bottles of Pepsi Perfect will start selling on Oct. 21 for \$20.15 US each. HANDOUT

as it is now, 30 years later. We are excited to be part of this moment and to bring fans something only Pepsi could deliver — and there's no need to wait: the future is now!"

There will only be 6,500 bottles of the drink available to purchase online via Amazon starting on Oct. 21 while supplies last.

Although each 16.9-ounce

drink will be outfitted in a special collectible case, they'll contain regular Pepsi. Each will also cost a lot more than your average soda at \$20.15 US per bottle.



LIQUID ASSETS

Rhône Valley: Gateway wine to famed French reds

Peter Rockwell

For Metro Canada



French wines travel with a lot of baggage.

There are the old wives' tales that they're all expensive, can only be drunk with food and, worse, that you have to be some kind of wine expert to truly enjoy them.

All are baloney. While France does produce some of the priciest juice on the planet, and they all make a great pairing with the appropriate cuisine, the country creates a wine for every palate and the vast majority can be drunk right out of the bottle.

Though the light, fruity wines of Beaujolais are often considered the liquid gateway into French wines, I recommend starting

in the Rhône Valley, especially if you've trained your taste buds on juicy, New World red wines.

The Les Dauphins 2013 Côtes du Rhône Réserve (\$12.95–\$14.99) is a Grenache-led red made with grapes from the southern part of the region.

With its cool, retro label and vibrant, ripe berry flavours, it's a wine that will have even old wives rethinking their stand on French wines.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.



FOOD BRIEFS

Mexican nun joins cooking show to save her order

A plain-spoken Mexican nun has become an unlikely television star while trying to save her congregation from mounting debts.

Sixty-eight-year-old Florinda Ruiz Carapia, better known as "Hermana Flor," is one of five finalists on Mexico's version of Master Chef, a program in which contestants compete for a 1-million-peso (\$78,000) prize.

That would at least make a dent in the approximately seven-million-peso debt that her order, the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, owes for loans it took out to build or expand schools, according to Alejandro Esquivel, producer of the TV Azteca show.

Hermana Flor is among the five finalists. With only three weeks left till the finale, she has proven so popular that Esquivel is a little worried about the potential backlash if the nun doesn't win. A panel of professional chefs judges the contestants on the taste, presentation and speed of their dishes.

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American Horror Story: Hotel check-in

PREMIERE

New season with Lady Gaga promises to be freakiest yet

Brian Gasperek
For Metro Canada



The Fall TV schedule is about to get a whole lot creepier this evening. Tonight marks the season premiere of the fifth instalment in the American Horror Story anthology, American Horror Story: Hotel.

The newest chapter in the series promises to introduce us to another cast of terrifying characters that will most certainly haunt our living rooms for the next few months. This time around, they happen to be murderous, freaky hotel-dwellers and junkies.

The show will most likely scare our pants off, but based on all of the information that's emerged, it sounds like it's going to be incredible.

Here are seven cool facts that



Lady Gaga plays a nymphomaniac-vampire-fashionista in American Horror Story: Hotel.

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you should know about American Horror Story: Hotel.

1. If you thought the previous seasons were freaky...

The first four instalments in the AHS anthology completely freaked us out. Let's be hon-

est: We would all have second thoughts now about investigating haunted houses, old asylums, potentially witch-filled boarding schools and evil circuses. But apparently that was nothing! AHS creators/producers Brad Falchuk and Ryan Murphy promise that American Horror Story: Hotel

will be the darkest and scariest chapter yet. We probably shouldn't watch it alone.

2. Lady Gaga is a main character

AHS: Hotel will feature Lady Gaga in her first-ever role as a main character in a TV series. Gaga

WATCH IT

All-new instalment

American Horror Story: Hotel premieres tonight at 10 p.m. ET on FX.

plays The Countess, the socialite owner of the creepy Hotel Cortez in Los Angeles, where the show takes place. It appears that her character is some sort of nymphomaniac-vampire-fashionista.

3. There will be ties to American Horror Story: Murder House

AHS: Hotel will be interconnected with the series' first instalment, AHS: Murder House. This chapter will feature an appearance by the Murder House, Marcy the realtor and other characters from the first chapter who have ties with the Hotel Cortez.

4. There will be a touch of New Girl

Schmidt will be checking into the Hotel Cortez. New Girl's Max Greenfield has a recurring role in AHS: Hotel as Gabriel, and it is said that the part is an intense departure from his sitcom charac-

ter. Greenfield lost 30 pounds for the role and is said to have been involved in the most disturbing scene ever shot in the entire AHS anthology. Yikes.

5. It features a big budget

AHS producers opened their wallets for this instalment of the series. AHS: Hotel will feature one of the biggest sets in the anthology's history. It includes a two-storey soundstage, a working elevator and giant staircase.

6. It is based on a real hotel

Ryan Murphy said that a haunted hotel in L.A. called The Cecil inspired this season of AHS. The Cecil (now called Stay On Main) was the site of several murders, suicides and hauntings. It was also the residence of multiple serial killers.

7. Jessica Lange will not be featured

AHS: Hotel will be the first instalment of the series in which Jessica Lange (or her vocal styling) are absent. But several other mainstays will be returning, including Kathy Bates, Chloë Sevigny, Wes Bentley, Matt Bomer, Denis O'Hare, Angela Bassett, Evan Peters and Sarah Paulson.

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Born to go off the beaten path



REVIEW

Power Wagon is factory equipped for serious off-road prowess

Mike Goetz
For Metro Canada



The Ram 2500 Power Wagon is not your typical heavy-duty pickup.

While the Power Wagon throws on all the formidable cargo and towing capacity only available in these heavy-duty monsters (classified either as 2500 or 3500 series trucks), this particular Ram model is also "factory equipped" for the roughest of off-road conditions.

Typically you need to go to the aftermarket to equip a pickup to be this off-road serious. The only other factory-equipped pickup in this off-road league is the Ford F-150 Raptor, but the Raptor is a "light duty" pickup. It's also not currently available, as Ford preps a new version for 2016.

The 2500 Ram Power Wagon is also not a typical vehicle to use for a family sightseeing vacation in Alberta. But when I was scouting for a test vehicle that would be available during our week in the province, and the fine folks at FCA Canada said this particular Power Wagon was primed and ready to go, well, I grabbed it, like a rodeo rider at the Stampede gripping the reins of a bull named ER Eddy. Experiencing Alberta by heavy-duty, off-road pickup? That sounded like a cool

and appropriate combination.

So what follows is not your typical road test, but a few random thoughts on family life with this beast during a great week in Alberta:

- Six pieces of luggage (four carry-on and two check-in) did not make an appreciable dent in the almost 2,000-lb payload capacity. Going in, I thought such a lightly loaded pickup would certainly be jiggly most of the time, but Ram's class-exclusive multi-link rear suspension, and recent frame stiffening, resulted in a surprising civil ride.

- Even with "cylinder deactivation" (which shuts down four cylinders when not needed), the 6.4-litre "Hemi" V8 was always thirsty. Whenever I filled the tank, I turned my back on the pump, trying to ignore how the rolling numbers would invariably climb to the \$100 mark.

- You sit incredibly high in this thing. People in regular pickup trucks crane their necks to look up at you, and say, "Don't hurt me" with their eyes. But with the cabin floor about two feet off the ground, and no running boards to get in the way of ground clearance, getting in was a challenge.

- Interior comfort is afforded by two great attributes: This is a very wide truck with lots of elbowroom for everyone, and also a surprisingly quiet truck.
- The massive front grille is designed to scare people and does. Lots of drivers let me pass once they saw that grille fill their rearview mirrors. And with 410 horsepower and 429 lb-ft of torque, passing was always low stress, even on mountain passes.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 RAM 2500 POWER WAGON

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, heavy-duty, full-size, 4x4 pickup
Power. 410-hp, 6.4-litre V8
Transmission. 6-speed automatic
Price. Base \$57,395 (plus destination)

NOTABLE FEATURES

- Electric front winch, Bilstein gas-charged shocks, and skid plates
- Automatic disconnecting front stabilizer bar for increasing suspension travel
- Uconnect multi-media centre with voice command and Bluetooth



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POINTS

- Only 2500 Ram that offers special off-road front suspension, which offers more flexibility and axle articulation for negotiating super rough terrain
- Class-exclusive multi-link rear suspension contributes to surprisingly smooth and competent "car-like" handling on regular pavement
- High ground clearance and ride height make getting in a gymnastic event

MARKET POSITION

- Ram's most off-road-ready heavy-duty pickup — no aftermarket modifying required
- Targeted to the truck crowd, who believe subtlety, wherever it's found, should always be crushed with a big rock
- Built and equipped for extreme work or play, including heavy towing

THE COMPETITION



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Carbon fibre reinvents the wheel

FUEL ECONOMY

Ultra-light wheels bring superior speed ... but it'll cost ya

Maryland-based Vitesse AuDessus (French for "Superior Speed") has introduced an ultra-light carbon-fibre wheel for exclusive luxury and performance cars. Expect to pay about the price of an entire car for a set of four. The company offers both bespoke and original equipment-spec carbon fibre wheels for virtually any high-end luxury/prestige car, with an average weight of about six kilograms apiece. In certain cases, said CEO Stefany Sanchez, the wheels reduce "unsprung" weight (essentially, weight in motion) by more than 50 per cent. "This dramatic reduction translates into increased acceleration, reduced stopping distances, improved steering and handling, improved grip, reduced road noise and vibrations, and improved fuel economy." The hollow, single-piece wheels start at \$8,875 US each for original-spec models and \$10,125 US each for bespoke (made-to-order) versions.



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ELECTRIC CARS

A critical time for Tesla

It's crunch time for Tesla Motors, reports industry watchdog Automotive News. The Silicon Valley automaker loses more than \$4,000 US on every Model S electric sedan it sells, and managed to burn through \$359 million US in cash last quarter in a bull market for luxury vehicles. The company recently cut production targets for this year and next. CEO Elon Musk said he's considering options to raise more capital, which could include selling more stock. He has given himself a deadline, saying that by next year's first quarter Tesla will be making enough money to fund a jump from building one expensive, low-volume car to mass-producing multiple models, and expanding a venture to manufacture electric power storage systems for home and office.

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+ DIESEL POWER

Four-turbo system is in BMW's future

German automaker BMW already offers some models sporting three turbochargers, but a report out of Britain suggests it's developing a four-turbo system to motivate a diesel engine.

The fourth turbo-charger is likely to be an electrically driven unit that would pressurize the existing

system to virtually eliminate notorious turbo "lag," thus improving low-speed performance, says Autocar magazine before adding the caveat: "Of course, it's entirely possible the new system will be completely conventional."

Output for the new 3.0-litre engine to which the quad turbo system is said to be attached is expected to be in excess of 400 horsepower, with a stump-pulling 590 pound-feet of torque.



MANUFACTURING

Steel industry flexes muscles in weight contest

Aluminum and carbon-fibre components might be taking up ever-greater portions of vehicle composition, but don't count steel out yet. As some automakers pursue a mixed-materials approach to lightweight bodies by strategically adding aluminum and carbon fibre to their construction, as in Ford's aluminum F-150 pickup (pictured), the industry insists that steel alone can provide lightweight strength for less material and manufacturing costs. The disadvantage to using aluminum and carbon fibre "is the cost," Audi quality manager Manfred Sindel told a recent automotive conference in Traverse City, Mich. Jody Hall of the Steel Market Development Institute told the conference that the more than 200 new grades of steel already in production "give automakers all they need" to reduce weight, increase strength and cut costs, reported Automotive News.



A FIRST

Huge hydrogen station for both land and sea

San Francisco, Calif., might soon be home to the world's largest hydrogen refuelling station, and the first one to serve both land and marine vehicles. The city might also soon get its own high-speed hydrogen-fuel-cell ferry as part of a demonstration project backed by public and private interests, says Green Car Reports. That ferryboat will need a place to refuel, as will hundreds and then thousands of hydrogen fuel-cell cars arriving from Toyota, Honda and Hyundai over the next five years, such as the Toyota Mirai (pictured). If it goes ahead, the fueling station will serve cars, buses and fleet vehicles, in addition to the ferryboat and other fuel-cell vessels, dispensing up to 1,500 kilograms of hydrogen a day.

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It turns out you can put a price on perfection.... It's 90 grand. The Audi A6 TDI is big enough to make these 20-inch wheels look tiny. ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE MEDIA

It appears that a certain company thinks rather highly of its cars.

Why else would a mid-sized family sedan with a thrifty six-cylinder diesel engine sticker for \$83,350 plus two grand for freight and taxes? Other than it might actually be close to perfect, that is.

When Garry drops off vehicles for testing purposes, we'll often play a little game of "guess how much this costs."

We generally get pretty close, but cars with four circles on the grille — made by Audi, if that went over your head — are a complete crapshoot. With rare exception, our guesses are laughably low, and when it comes to this A6 TDI, the laughs are replaced with shock.

Based on looks and general first impressions — which is how any real evaluation is done, of course — I guessed 65 grand, which was close to \$20,000 short. Wowzers.

Not that long ago, that was A8 money. (The A8 is larger and fancier than the A6.) How times have changed.

But with the gap narrowing between everyday family cars and the seemingly perfect A6, would you pay 94 grand (including tax) for this car or would half that amount for a new Nissan Maxima be good enough? For anyone without 90 grand

or the credit to get 90 grand, the choice presents itself rather cruelly, but for those with the means, perfection might be worth the price.

But the bigger question is why do I think this car is perfect, or close to it, in the first place. Because when you get in and drive there's nothing to distract you from making you think that it isn't. Simple, really.



None of this \$17,000 in extras is remotely essential to driving the car, so sticking to the base model is perfectly fine.

It just fits and works. No annoyances. None. The A6 TDI is more like a programmed body part — an arm or leg — as opposed to anything inanimate and made of cold German steel.

That's achieved with a perfect driving position (there's that word again) and a 240-horsepower 3.0-litre diesel engine that feels like it has about 1,500 pound-feet of torque. I seriously have no idea why anyone would want any other engine under the hood. To heck with gasoline.



What's all that racket? It's certainly not the engine.



There's more grille than bumper.



What does a perfect interior look like? This.

Helping is an eight-speed automatic transmission that can be manually shifted with steering-wheel-mounted paddles.

The base price on the car is \$66,200, which is actually pretty close to my original "Price is

Right" guess, but this particular car is the "Technik" model (one up from the base "Progressiv" that's almost seven grand less), plus there's close to 11 grand in options. None of this \$17,000 in extras is remotely

essential to driving the car, so sticking to the base model is perfectly fine.

Among the extras, this one has the "S Line Sport Package" with 20-inch wheels, as well as \$2,700 worth of "multicontour" front seats with massage, and \$2,900 of "Driver Assist Package" that includes adaptive cruise control and a lane-assist function. And in case the standard 14-speaker Bose audio system isn't good enough, you can go ahead and blow another \$6,500 on a Bang and Olufsen system with one more speaker. No, you don't get a credit for the Bose stereo you're not getting: The B&O is \$6,500 more.

And this is where it all goes a little sideways: how a base-price \$66,000 car — not cheap in the first place — ends up at 90 grand or more with some

LET'S TALK

WOW: Smooth, fast, perfect balance of ride comfort and turning performance; subtle styling that almost looks as expensive as it actually costs.

HMM: Loaded up, this is A8 money; full options list is the price of another car; backup wheels and tires needed for winter; needs a capless filler like Ford and Chrysler cars; \$6,500 stereo option over a standard 14-speaker Bose system?



Needs a hands-free cap.

options that seem, well, on the list just for the sake of spending money.

You could say that it's complete madness, like most people would, or that it's the price that must be paid for perfection.

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2015 Dodge Hellcat

The Dodge Challenger and Charger Hellcat models are already legends that are in high demand. Both can come close to or surpass 320 km/h and both are considered bargains in their respective classes (in the upper-\$60,000 range). Dodge has decided to cancel the hundreds of backlogged 2015 orders while it ramps up for increased production in 2016. Buyers who elect to wait will get an as-yet-to-be-announced discount for their loyalty. But is there more to these cars than their big engines? **JEFF MELNYCHUK** WHEELBASE MEDIA

THE RUNDOWN

1 Catching some air

"Air Catcher" inlet port takes the place of the fog lamp and feeds air to the airbox in the engine compartment.

2 Brakes

Brembo-engineered brakes measure 15.4 inches (390 millimetres) in diameter and use six-piston calipers.

3 Tires

Pirelli tires are 275/40-20, mounted to lightweight forged-aluminum "Slingshot" wheels that are just 9.5 inches wide.

4 Front

The car features an aluminum "cold air" hood.

5 Keeping it classy

Low-gloss black accents can be found at the back.



SOURCE: DODGE

Engine

- This is the first time that Dodge has supercharged any V8 engine in a production car.
- The supercharged 6.2-litre "Hemi" V8 is about 90 per cent "new" when compared to the 6.4-litre Hemi engine.



A look inside

- Paddles for the optional electrically shifted eight-speed automatic.
- Numerous "Performance Pages" help you set up the car exactly how you want it, including "launch control."
- Redesigned interior for 2015 has a stamped aluminum centre console with a high side that blocks the passenger, just like in 1971.
- Six-speed manual transmission or eight-speed automatic.

Mapping a better way to get around

DRIVING FORCE

Navigations systems have come a long way from paper days

Jill McIntosh
For Metro Canada



Vehicle navigation systems are a great way to get around, figuring out your route and guiding you through all the turns. But they need to be regularly updated, and they're going to have to become even more sophisticated to play a vital role in the future of autonomous driving.

"There's a big push for self-driving cars, and in the development of maps and location information," says Harold Goddijn, president and CEO of TomTom. "There's a whole new

technology that must come together."

Mapping it out

To make an electronic map, navigation companies work with automakers to determine the specifications required. Then it's all about legwork. The mapmakers first go to local governments to see what maps they have, and digitize as much of these as they can. They then send employees out to drive the roads, using mobile mapping vans equipped with laser, radar and GPS to collect data, which is incorporated into the system.

Keeping it current

Once the navigation map is made, the next challenge is to keep it up to date. The company asks customers to report inaccuracies and changes, but

it also watches vehicles connected to the network. TomTom can't identify individual cars, but it sees what traffic overall is doing.

"If we see a lot of people driving on what we think isn't a road, we look at satellite pictures to see if there's a (new) road there," Goddijn says. "Or when we see large amounts of cars making traffic violations because they are going down a one-way street, it's probably

something that has changed in the direction of flow."

Right now, updating maps in existing vehicles can be a cumbersome task, but as more and more vehicles come online through wireless connections, navigation companies can download new information to them.

Self-driving cars

The next big hurdle for mapmakers is developing systems

that are accurate enough that autonomous cars can use them without the driver's assistance.

"We need to know how many lines are on the road, how many lanes there are, and 20-centimetre accuracy where an exit starts and where it ends," Goddijn says. "We need all that to give the computer in the car the information to accurately plan its next manoeuvre, and know where it is and where it's heading."

This will require even more map maintenance, because while a driver can see a change in traffic patterns ahead and take a different route, an autonomous car following an outdated map might not be aware of detours due to construction or crashes.

"We're building a self-learning and self-improving system that's highly

+ HISTORY

- In the 1930s, you could buy a device that attached to the speedometer and scrolled through a paper map as you drove, showing crossroads and turns.
- Honda first offered a navigation system in the 1981 Accord, which used road patterns and a gyroscope to pinpoint the car's location.
- Cars initially used maps stored on cassettes and CDs, while Pioneer introduced a GPS system in 1990.

automated and based on machine learning and other technologies," Goddijn says. "This will help us to make sure that the maps are accurately reflecting the reality."



Navigation systems must be updated regularly, which will be even more important for self-driving cars. COURTESY TOMTOM



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Self-driving firsts herald 'a new era'

GERMANY

Mercedes' autonomous truck cruises public highway

Last Friday the Mercedes-Benz Actros became the world's first production truck to drive autonomously on a public road.

"Today's premiere is a further important step towards the market maturity of autonomously driving trucks — and towards the safe, sustainable road freight transport of the future," said Daimler board member Dr. Wolfgang Bernhard of his journey on the A8 between Denkendorf and Stuttgart airport.

Thanks to a sensor array plus active safety systems, the truck is capable of taking over driving responsibilities in pre-defined situations such as on highways, where traffic flows and potential hazards are more

predictable. The Highway Pilot Mode, which can be engaged and disengaged by the driver, can autonomously ensure a safe distance from the vehicle ahead while maintaining lane discipline. If the car in front slows, the truck also applies the brakes automatically.

Friday's demonstration was approved by the German state of Baden-Württemberg, following an inspection of the vehicle by the German Technical Inspection Authority.

Meanwhile in France ...

On the same day, in neighbouring France, a Peugeot Citroën prototype became the first self-driving car to travel on French public roads, navigating from Paris to Bordeaux fully autonomously.

As the first carmaker to obtain permission for self-driving technology testing on the nation's roads, the company had a head start on its rivals. Nevertheless, the 580-kilometre trip was a first for PSA Peugeot Citroën and for France as a whole, as it was the first time an autonomous car had driven on a public road within the country's borders.

"The journey made by our prototype today proves that autonomous vehicles are no longer a matter of science fiction," said Carlos Tavares, chairman of the managing board of PSA Peugeot Citroën, on Friday. "This ushers in a new era for mobility, which I find truly exciting." AFP

The Mercedes-Benz Actros with Highway Pilot. DAIMLER AG



EVOLUTION OF EVOQUE LAND ROVER TO LIFT THE LID ON ITS CONVERTIBLE IN NOVEMBER

The date is set for the official unveiling of the first-ever soft-top Range Rover car. To tease the upcoming November launch of the Evoque convertible, expected to be Land Rover's centre-piece at the L.A. motor show, the company has been up to its usual high-profile publicity tricks. Last week it filled a number of roads around London with colourful full-size aluminum wireframe sculptures showing the car progressing from coupe to convertible form. TEXT: AFP; PHOTO: LAND ROVER

GAMING

WRC 5 eSports tournament to run alongside real-world Championship races

Motorsports game WRC 5, which arrives this month, will star in an eSports tournament that is to take place in parallel with the 2016 World Rally Championship.

As well as being the official game of the FIA's World Rally Championship, WRC 5 will also be the focal point for the racing competition's official eSports tournament.

A 10-round 2016 Championship will start in Monte Carlo on Jan. 21. It's the

first time an official eSports championship will run at the same time.

That sort of digital duplication is planned throughout 2016's WRC season, with the Electronic Sports League partnering for the events. AFP

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Tim Johnson, right, has visited more than 100 countries on all seven continents. CONTRIBUTED

Father and son: Globetrotters

PASSION FOR TRAVEL

Keeping the family tradition for adventure going strong

Michele Sponagle

For Tim Johnson, travel isn't just a passion; it's a way of life. The 36-year-old journalist, born and raised in Peterborough, started

globe-trotting in his early 20s when he backpacked with friends to destinations across Europe and Central America, and hasn't looked back.

To date, he's visited more than 100 countries on all seven continents. He craves the adventure

that spots off the beaten track deliver, like Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Countries with a strong distinct culture and warm, welcoming people, like Bhutan, Mongolia and Mozambique, intrigue him and keep those stamps in his passport multiplying at a steady pace.

Sometimes, Johnson roams solo; other times, with journalist colleagues. As a kid, it was a family affair with his mom and dad loading up the car with the kids and hitting the road. Everyone got involved in the planning of their vacation. It was something the whole family anticipated and talked about right up until the time came to pull out of the driveway.

"Whether we went to Walt Disney World in Florida, Yellowstone Park or Alberta's Rocky Mountains, it was always a blast," Johnson says. "One year, we hit the road for five weeks in a row, driving much of the way down old Route 66, visiting the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and San Francisco, up to the Okanagan Valley and back across Canada. Our entire family loves to travel."

As an adult, he continued to travel with his parents. He invited them along for a trip to Hawaii — a place his mom always dreamt of visiting. It was truly a vacation of a lifetime.

After his mom passed away in 2014, he wanted to keep the family tradition going by inviting his dad, now 67, to accompany him while he was researching various stories.

Their travels began modestly with a weekend trip to Ottawa. Despite the frigid cold, they

were able to indulge their love of history with stops at the Diefenbunker, Parliament Hill for question period and the Royal Canadian Mint.

"It wasn't a particularly glamorous trip, given the season, but it was a nice little long weekend away," says Johnson. "We both enjoyed it and then we started planning the bigger trips."

He's able to travel with his father by using points he's accumulated both through two bank-issued travel rewards cards and with miles earned while flying.

"It's a lot better than spending my own money," he says. Recently, he redeemed his points for two flights to Victoria.

Johnson sees redeeming his travel rewards points as a way of saying 'thank you' to his dad.

"It's something really great to be able to do something nice for my father after all he's done for me. He has always been there for me as a dad," he says. "When we travel together, he likes to tell people, 'You see... all those early morning hockey practices I took my son to? They're paying off!'"

The greatest gift of exploring the world with his father has been getting to know him better.

"We always had a good relationship when my mother was alive, but it was different. Now, our communication is more direct and we talk more," Johnson says. "In Nevis, we spent a lot of time just sitting on the balcony of our hotel, which overlooked the sea and the mountains of St. Kitts, and just talked, for hours even."

We would both bring books out there, but inevitably we ended up talking more than reading."



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Starting from scratch

Consistency should be Senators' rallying cry after 2014-15's historic playoff push

NHL SEASON PREVIEW

DRUG POLICY

Players react to cocaine report

Cocaine was a hot topic at NHL practices on the eve of the regular season's opening day after a report that the drug's use is up among players.

In an interview with TSN, deputy commissioner Bill Daly said cocaine use in the league has risen, adding that he didn't think it was a crisis involving more than 20 players.

Daly said he wasn't sure how many players use the drug because the league doesn't "test in a comprehensive way."

Reactions on the report and the possibility of more drug testing were varied. At Montreal Canadiens' practice, P.K. Subban said he's not in favour of players doing drugs.

"Our message to kids is always, 'Don't do drugs,'" Subban said.

"Regardless of what the league does, that is something that is unfortunately out there, not just in hockey but in the world. I don't know what the situation is in hockey, but cocaine's a crazy drug."

Rumours of players using cocaine are nothing new. Jarret Stoll was arrested in April for cocaine possession at a Las Vegas hotel.

The NHL and NHL Players' Association have had a Substance Abuse and Behavioural Health Program (SABH) in place since 1996.

As part of the NHL's drug-testing program, there are 2,400 samples taken each season for inspection for performance-enhancing substances.

A third of them are also screened for so-called "drugs of abuse," though a positive test does not carry any kind of suspension or fine.

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It doesn't deserve and need a lot of publicity. We just need to take care of business.

Commissioner Gary Bettman's response last week when asked about off-ice incidents but not specifically cocaine.

THE HOCKEY NEWS

Murray Pam
FOR METRO



Thanks to late-season heroics, the Senators overcame a record-breaking 14-point deficit in early February to secure a playoff spot. Can this impressive feat be repeated?

To conjure up a past phrase uttered by Daniel Alfredsson, the club's new senior advisor of hockey operations, "Probably not."

This doesn't mean the Senators will miss the post-season, it's just that coach Dave Cameron's team has to play with a modicum of consistency from the outset.

One area Cameron shouldn't have to worry about is who's minding the crease? Dealt to the Sabres at the draft, we know it won't be Robin Lehner. The writing was on the wall for the

24 year-old when GM Bryan Murray won a bidding war for the services of NCAA free agent stand-out Matt O'Connor.

In fact O'Connor backs up Craig Anderson opening night as Andrew Hammond rests his injured groin. Anderson will be called upon to start 55-60 games, something the Illinois native has accomplished only twice in

his 12-year career.

Hammond is slated to return in next week. Don't expect The Hamburglar to post gaudy numbers similar to last season. However, he'll provide stellar support in a No. 2 role.

The Senators offence won't be a subject of concern either. During Cameron's 55-game reign, the team ranked fourth league-

wide in goals.

Four forwards notched 20 goals or more in 2014-15. Mike Hoffman led with 27. Hoffman opens on the left side of the No. 1 unit with centre Kyle Turris and Mark Stone on the right.

Calder nominee Stone is arguably the Senators' top forward and will only improve.

One player under the

microscope is Bobby Ryan. A late season slump limited Ryan to 18 goals. Fans hope for a larger offensive contribution by the team's highest-salaried player.

Rookies Shane Prince and Matt Puempel also look to crack the lineup. Pending on Clarke MacArthur's injury status, one may receive an early opportunity.

On the back end, Norris Trophy-winner Erik Karlsson is a one-man breakout whose speed can leave you in awe. A full season with defensive partner Marc Methot may push the captain's game to greater heights.

One undetermined battle is who mans the third defence pairing? Vying for full-time duty are Mark Borowiecki, Jared Cowen and AHL defenceman of the year Chris Wideman.

Hop on, the 82-game roller-coaster ride begins Thursday evening in Buffalo.

+ THREE TO WATCH

Jared Cowen

After off-season oblique surgery, will Cowen find his game on D?

Bobby Ryan

Pressure is on Ryan to increase production.

Mike Hoffman

Can Hoffman repeat his 27-goal performance?



GETTY IMAGES



Canada's Gordon McRorie is tackled by Romania's Johannes van Heerden in Leicester, England, on Tuesday.

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RUGBY

Canada squanders lead vs. Romania

Romania produced the biggest comeback in Rugby World Cup history to rally from a 15-point deficit and beat Canada 17-15 in a Rugby World Cup Pool D match on Tuesday, clinching the dramatic victory with a nerveless late penalty from centre Florin Vlaicu.

It was not as dramatic as France's semifinal comeback against New Zealand at the 1999 World Cup, where the French trailed 24-10 before triumphing 43-31. But it was certainly tension-filled at Leicester's City Stadium, as Vlaicu held his nerve to land the winning kick with three minutes left.

Canada was in control when left winger DTH Van Der Merwe scored late in the first half — his fourth try of the tournament — and right-winger Jeff Hassler crossed four minutes after halftime.

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But Romania's bold decision to forsake penalty kicks for attacking lineouts and scrums paid off.

Canada played the last eight minutes with a man down after flanker Jebb Sinclair was sin-binned, and paid a serious price. Four missed shots at goal and too many wasted attacking chances also cost the Canadians.

Romania has four points and can still finish in third place in the group — assuring automatic qualification for the 2019 World Cup — if it beats Italy next weekend.

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Jays ride support of country into playoffs

MLB

Game 1 in Toronto's series vs. Texas goes Thursday

First baseman Chris Colabello experiences Blue Jays fever every time he looks at his phone or steps out his door.

"It's pretty epic," he said.

Colabello, a platoon player who readily admits he's nowhere near the top of the Jays' star pecking order, says just getting a cup of coffee is an adventure these days.

"That's a testament to how much this city loves their team and appreciates what we've done for them," he said. "And we hope to continue it for them."

"It's a blessing," added left-fielder Ben Revere.

Toronto's wild ride this season will go up a gear Thursday when the Blue Jays host the Texas Rangers in Game 1 of their American League Division Series. It's Toronto's first visit to the post-season since winning a second straight World Series in 1993 and interest is booming.

Toronto ace David Price will face Texas' Yovani Gallardo in the series opener while Marcus Stroman, adding a new chapter to his remarkable comeback from spring training knee surgery, takes on Rangers marquee man Cole Hamels in Game 2 Friday.

The best-of-five series will



Marcus Stroman plays long toss during a team workout in Toronto on Tuesday. Stroman was announced as the Jays' starting pitcher for Game 2 of their series against the Rangers.

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then descend on Texas for the next two games, if necessary, with Game 5 in Toronto if needed.

A relaxed bunch of Jays met the media Tuesday before working out at the Rogers Centre to the diverse sounds of Miguel, Beck, Fetty Wap, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Led Zeppelin, the Zac Brown Band and Hardwell.

Promotions for Thursday's game flashed on the giant scoreboard as the players held batting practice.

Earlier, manager John Gibbons leaned back in his chair as he chatted with reporters in his office.

+ PRICE IS RIGHT

In David Price's only start against the Rangers this season, he allowed two runs in six innings in Toronto's 12-4 win at Texas on Aug. 26.

"I feel good," he said. "Nice and relaxed. I feel good about the way the year's gone. And you know what I think we've got a real shot to advance in this thing."

Every Jay is in the spotlight these days, with fans across the

country following the team.

Colabello, who has 24,100 Twitter followers, estimates 20,000 of them came after joining Toronto this season.

Gibbons says he, too, feels the buzz.

"I get recognized probably a little bit more — maybe in a better way," he said with a smile. "You can just feel the excitement, no doubt about that."

Toronto (93-69) went 4-2 against Texas (88-74) this season. Toronto and Texas were 1-2 in scoring runs in the second half of the season when Toronto went 48-23 and Texas 46-28.

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RECIPE Lemon Orzo Soup with Chicken



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada



This soup combines a creamy texture with bright flavours. It also makes enough you can take it for lunch the next day.

Ready in
30 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients

- 8 cups of low-sodium chicken stock
- 1 cup orzo
- 1/2 lb of skinless, boneless chicken breast, chopped into bite-sized pieces
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cup of lemon juice
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Small handful of parsley, chopped

Directions

1. In large pot, bring stock to a boil. Add the orzo and reduce heat just slightly so it simmers 10 minutes.
2. Now add the chicken to the pot with the stock and orzo and simmer for 10 more minutes.
3. While that's cooking away, crack your eggs into a bowl and whisk in the lemon juice. Using a ladle, scoop out some hot broth and add small of stream to your egg mixture while whisking. Add as much hot stock as it takes to really warm up the egg so it won't scramble in the soup.
4. Now pour your egg mixture into your soup pot. Cook for another 2 or 3 minutes or until it thickens slightly. Season to taste. Serve with a sprinkle of chopped parsley.

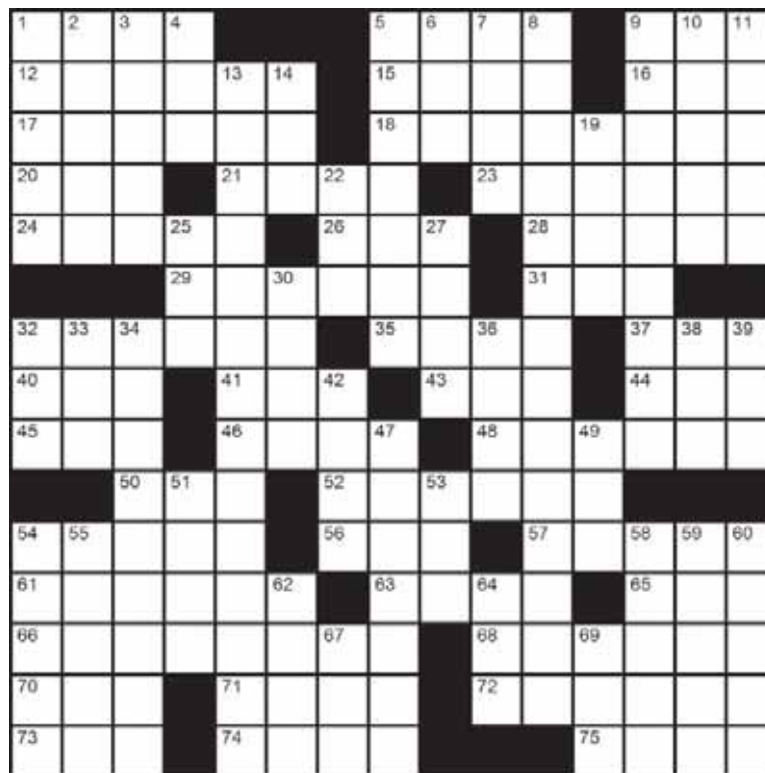
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ACROSS

1. Exhausts
5. "Thunderstruck" rockers
9. AmEx transaction
12. Country in Africa where Lilongwe is the capital
15. Gordon Pinsent's actress daughter
16. Tee-__ (Chuckle)
17. Public speaker
18. Captain Kirk's urgent warning on the U.S.S. Enterprise: 2 wds.
20. Extra cottage bed
21. Two notes following Do...
23. Extraterrestrial trials
24. Pray
26. Lettered grocery chain
28. Fun-sounding instrument
29. Ms. Piaf's
31. Since-1916 car co.
32. Car race tune: "___ Lincoln"
35. Root vegetable
37. Owens
40. Pub drink
41. Minimal
43. Ms. Zadora
44. "Letters from ___ Jima" (2006)
45. 'B' or 'C' of The Spice Girls
46. Dead and Red
48. Game show winners go home with them
50. And so forth [abbr.]



52. Sportswear brand
54. Pant style
56. "Babe: ___ in the City" (1998)
57. Essentials
61. Friendly nations
63. Word on the banana's sticker

65. Gusto
66. Tell the patient what the problem is
68. Spanish dramatist, Juan del ___
70. Mr. Liotta
71. Arctic fish
72. ___ Graham ...better known as Canadian

- rapper Drake
73. 'Baron' suffix
74. Forever and evers
75. Puts into place

DOWN

1. Artist's protection from splashes
2. Brother of

- Moses
3. 'Home' spot in baseball
4. Was in session
5. Okay, at times
6. So-so grade
7. Papa
8. Specials of the day can be erased from it each day: 2 wds.
9. Orange-in-colour spread by Kraft: 2 wds.
10. "Tell ___" by The Zombies
11. Whitney Houston hit bit: "I ___ emotional baby / Every time I think of you."
13. Edmonton attraction, Telus ___
14. Pique
19. One Direction member
22. Univ. in "Good Will Hunting" (1997)
25. 'Puppet' suffix
27. Rushed letters
30. Idea: French
32. Theatrical attention-lover
33. Flamenco exclamation!
34. Some creations by TV writers
36. Like a no-longer-green banana
38. Wonderment
39. Therefore
42. Papery nest builder
47. Web weavers
49. A E ___ and sometimes Y
51. Li'l math course
53. Tip to 'mania'
54. Inner circle
55. Assumed name
58. Church topper
59. Dogma
60. ___ or neuters
62. Artsy area of Manhattan
64. Ms. Michele of "Scream Queens"
67. Actress, Laura ___ Giacomo
69. Billy Joel's ex ...her initials-sharers

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today's Mars-Neptune link may make it a bit harder to get along with someone on the work front. The fact is you can quite easily get along without their help, so don't worry about it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Get on top of your workload before it gets on top of you. Shut out distractions and tackle each task with energy and enthusiasm. But don't stop there — get ahead.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
A friend may not have been very supportive of late but that does not mean they are turning against you. It's more likely they have worries of their own to contend with.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Don't try to cheer yourself up by wasting money on things you don't need. You may be expecting to come into some cash but don't spend it all before it actually arrives.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't take things too seriously. With so many changes taking place you need to stay calm and be flexible in your approach to everyday problems. They are not worth getting worked up about.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Try to remember that while some people respond best to reason, others respond best to emotion. Pick the right approach for each individual and you will get more.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If your energy level seems a bit low don't push yourself too hard. Mars in the most sensitive area of your chart means if you double your efforts the returns are likely to be lower than you expected.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your emotions are quite raw and it may seem as if every little thing is a matter of life or death. But it isn't and soon you will get a new and more positive perspective on life.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be selective in the tasks you take on. If you throw yourself at each little challenge you may not have enough energy left to tackle the really big challenges that are coming.

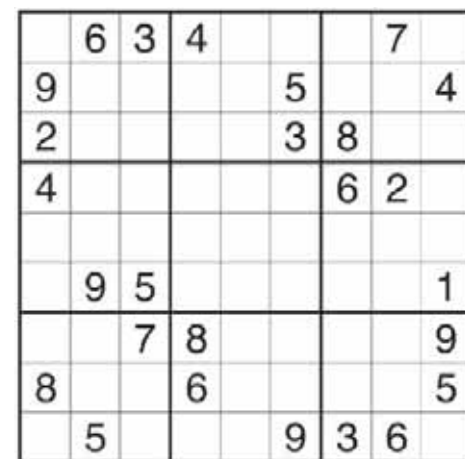
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are worthy of success. Don't avoid challenging situations simply because you fear you are not up to the task. Believe in yourself.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You need to let certain people know that you no longer care what they say or do. That might sound a bit extreme but if you don't do it now they will keep annoying you and make an even bigger falling-out more likely later on.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You may have to endure a few setbacks this week but don't let them unsettle you. Above all, don't lose your temper with people you have to work with on a day-to-day basis.

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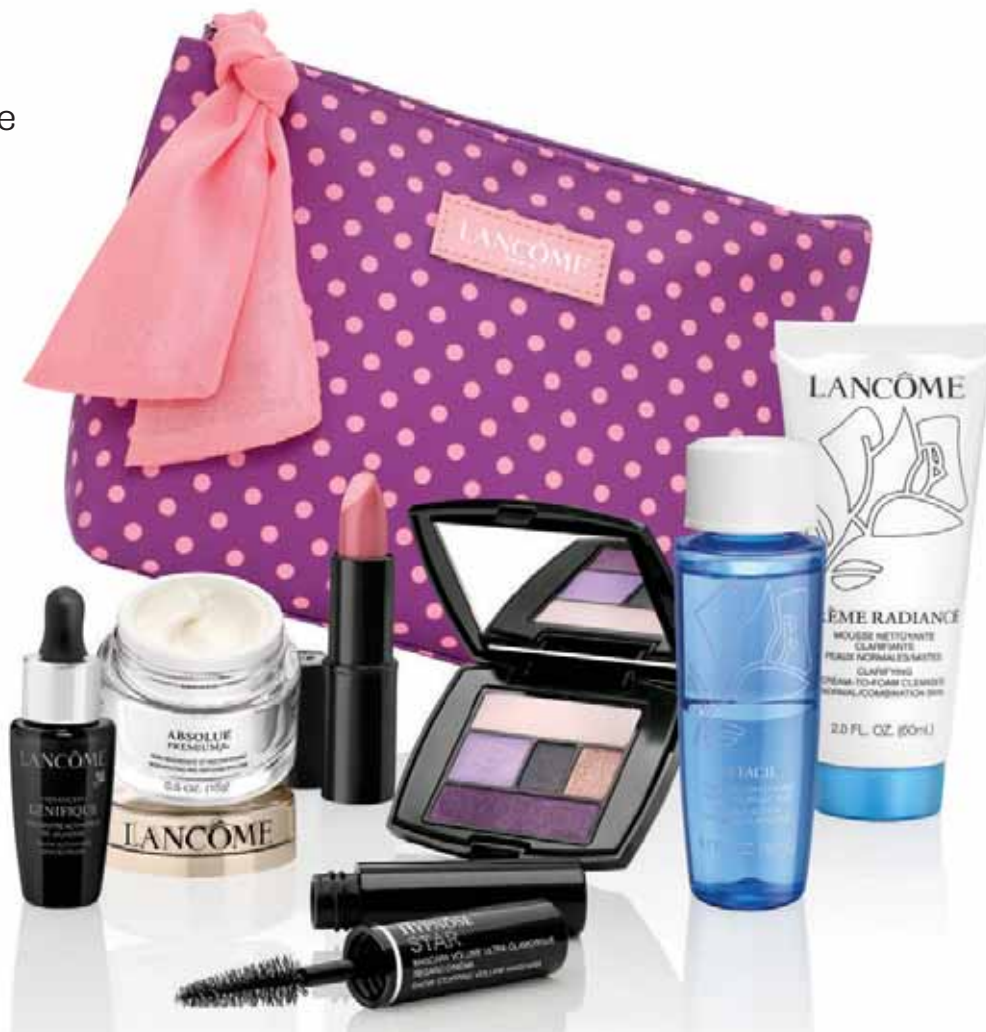
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